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Arafat the Negotiator Is Attacked by All Sides

Palestinian Group Urges Him to Quit; Hussein Says He Reneged on Promises

By Youssef M. Ibrahim

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CAIRO - Talks between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization appeared Monday to be frozen amid a growing chorus of rancor and recrimination flushing out accumulated frustrations.

These have surfaced accutely not only between Palestinians and Israelis, but also more vividly between Jordan and the PLO, among Palestinians themselves and, to some extent, within Israel's governing Labor Party coali-

Over the weekend, Prime minister Yitzhak Rabin accused the PLO of duplicity and wondered aloud if any agreement with the group was valid. He said he would suspend the talks to make Palestinians "sweat it out."

King Hussein of Jordan delivered a virtual ultimatum to the PLO either to coordinate its actions with Jordan or to face unspecified unilateral decisions by Amman.

And our of the most charismatic figures among Palestinians, Haidar Abdel-Shafi, the Gaza physician who led the Palestinian delegation at the 1991 Madrid conference, traveled to the Tunis headquarters of the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, to ask him to step

Leading a delegation of seven prominent

Palestinians, Mr. Abdel-Shafi arrived in Tu-nis on Sunday carrying a perition signed by 118 Palestinian figures in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip and the West Bank denouncing in harsh terms Mr. Arafat's autocratic style and mediocre management of the transition to self-rule that is the object of the talks.

The petitioners said they had had enough

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of corruption and nepotism in the PLO and of Mr. Arafat's chaotic negotiations. They demanded "democratic practices" that take into account views of the Palestinians who have lived under Israeli occupation for the

much of the attention seemed focused on Mr. Arafar's unquestionable shortcomings, the overall anger reflects other problems that have simmered for some time, not the least of which is the deep distrust

between all the parties concerned.

Israel claimed that Mr. Arafat reneged on an agreement worked out last week in Cairo between Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and the chief PLO negotiator, Mahmoud Abbas. At the end of those talks, Mr. Peres said at a press conference that there was a "meeting

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Jews, including a large number of settlers, praying Monday in Jerusalem during a service devoted to Israeli security.

A New Economic Order? G-7 Now Lags More Than Leads

PARIS - Remember the G-7, the group of major industrialized nations that gathers every year in circumstances of considerable pomp to dream up new inspiration for the world economy? It is now clear that the institution, and the view of the world that went with it, are fast going out of

The reasons are simple. The bulk of the G-7 - that is, Western Europe and Japan — is in an economic trough deep enough to preclude rapid recovery in 1994 or even 1995. Areas of growth and real economic opportunity in resses and investors who are not risk-averse opportunities in

creasingly lie in Latin America and Asia outside Japan.
The United States, the one major Western nation showing fairly robust growth, has already drawn its conclusions.
The Clinton administration shifted America's traditional foreign policy focus in 1993, southward to Mexico through

NEWS ANALYSIS the North American Free Trade Agreement and eastward to

the Pacific through a summit meeting of the 15-nation Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum.

Asia, particularly China, and in Latin America; and they will provide cynics with more evidence of the growing supremacy of trade interests in global diplomacy.

One in every six aircraft built by Boeing Co. is now bought by China: President Bill Clinton will, therefore, probably find a way to renew China's most-favored-nation trading status in June, despite qualms about human rights. Somalia, Bosnia and Haiti do not buy many jets or semiconductors: They will be quietly forgotten if possible.

The policy is known as economic security: that is, sing America's diplomacy to the creation of jobs and turning a blind eye to certain wars. It is a significant

shift, and the implications are just beginning to unfold. One is already clear: No major economic or political initiatives are to be expected in Eastern Europe, where fudging will remain the order of the day, as wary eyes are fixed on Russia. That is bad news for Western Europe, still struggling to emerge from recession and desperately needing a spur from its underdeveloped eastern hinterland.

Growth of no more than I percent in Western Europe is to be expected in 1994, and that thanks only to Britain, where

growth will reach 2.5 percent Souring unemployment and the growing cost of the wel-

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China's Answer to Fears of Upheaval: Limit Growth to 9% in '94

By Kevin Murphy International Herald Tribane

HONG KONG — Warning that higher prices might cause social instability and panic buying. Prime Minister Li Peng of China said in contracts published Monday that Beijing would try to slow economic growth to 9 percent in 1994 from 13 percent last year as it further opens to the

Mr. Li indicated that Beijing would continue with its innovations that have dismanifed much of the communist system, especially in its economy, but that it would move

"The better our situation, the more cautious we should be in pushing forward the reform drive," Mr. Li, one of the country's most senior leaders, said in a rare and unusually condid interview in the official China Daily.

"Too-rapid strides in price reform would cause instability, and the recent panic buying of grain in some areas is a lesson to all of us," he said, referring to a recent rush for staple foods in coasial areas by consumers attempting to beat a value added tax that was implemented Saturday.

China Daily reported that prices of grain and other foods had risen by about 30 percent since November in most of the coastal provinces. Overall, inflation reached an annual

Mr. Li acknowledged that the gap in living standards between the coastal regions and the rest of China had widened, to the interior's disadvantage, but he rejected widespread warnings that this could eventually lead to a

splitting of the country. "Their expectations will surely come to nothing." Mr. Li said of those forecasting a China shattered along regional and economic lines.

Mr. Li's health diminished his role in government for some time last year, as heart problems kept his activities to a

minimum when China's leadership first sought to bring the economy's inflationary boom under control. As that effort has progressed, statements from Beijing have combined high-level calls for growth that invoke the name of senior leader Deng Xiaoping with pleas to contain inflation, complicating any assessment of China's economic

The State Council that governs China has underestimated the country's growth prospects in the previous two years, with near-chaotic consequences.

An austerity drive announced in July and led by Deputy

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HIT FOR FOUR — Australia's opening batsman, Michael Slater, cutting the ball to the boundary Monday in a test cricket match against South Africa in Sydney. Slater's 92 runs helped Australia to a first-innings lead. An American's view, Page 15.

Clinton Plans No New Aid for Russia

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The White House said Monday that President Bill Chinion was not planning to announce any major new aid for Russia when he visits next week. "I don't expect the president to announce any major aid package," said his spokesworn-an, Dec Dec Myers. She said U.S. officials would seek to make sure assistance already promised was being delivered efficiently. The United States under Mr. Clinton has pledged

\$4.5 billion in aid to Russia. Ms. Myers said Washington wanted to continue to work with the Russians to encourage them on the road to democratic and market economic reforms' and to "find ways we can help them in that transition." She said the United States already was involved with the Russians in economic, environmental and energy initiatives

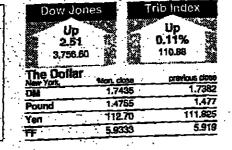
Merciesa army troopers step up the hunt for peasant rebels in the south. Page 2. Page 2. The United States opened a painful inquiry into its radiation testing.

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Russian Jetliner Crashes, Killing All 120 Aboard

Compiled by One Stuff From Dispatches

MOSCOW — A Russian passenger jet
crashed and exploded in flames shortly after takeoff Monday from the Siberian city of Irkutsk, killing all 120 people aboard, including

It was the country's worst air disaster in nearly a decade and the second aviation disaster in eight days in the former Soviet Union, raising questions about the safety of the staterun Aerollot airline and scores of smaller, spin-

off companies. The Tu-154 jet that crashed belonged to Baikal Air, one of many new re-Russian television reported that one person had been killed on the ground, but officials handling the emergency could not confirm the

The jet had just taken off on a regularly theduled flight to Moscow, 4,000 kilometers (2,500 miles) to the west, when one of its three

engines failed.
The captain radioed the control tower that his No. 2 engine was on fire and he was turning said Yekaterina Glebova, spokeswoman for the State Committee for Emergency

Then be radioed again and said that the engine was completely out and they had lost-control of the airplane," she said, adding, Then it just disappeared from the radar

screen. The plane crashed in a snow-covered field at a livestock farm about 10 kilometers from 1rkutsk, a city of 650,000 just southwest of Lake Baikal. Temperatures at the crash site were minus 20 degrees centigrade (minus 4 Fahren-

Russian television reported that a farmer had been killed in the explosion and fire fed by the plane's fuel tanks, which had been filled for the

live-hour flight to Moscow. "There were no survivors." Miss Glebova said. "The aircraft crashed and burned com-Authorities said the jet was carrying 9 crew

members and 111 passengers. The Soviet-made Tu-154, a three-engine turbofan jet that can carry up to 180 passengers, is one of the mainstays of civil aviation in the former Soviet Union,

Russian civil aviation must cope with dwindling supplies of space parts, soaring costs and shortages of skilled workers. The air fleet is aged. Aircraft often run overloaded with passengers or cargo because of a shortage of fuel that forces the cancellation of many flights. (AP, Reuters)

Walesa Says NATO Risks New Communist Threat

By John Pomfret Hushingum Peru Service

WARSAW - President Lech Walesa warned Monday that the world risked the re-emergence of the Soviet bloc and communism if the Western powers did not take bold steps to include Poland. Hungary and the Czech Republic in NATO when its leaders meet next week.

in an impassioned plea replete with historical allegory and no small measure of hyperbole, Mr. Walesa, 50, leader of his country's 1989 revolution, set forth his vision of Eastern Europe as a region where the fight against totalitarianism has yet to be

interviewed in a huge, ornately furnished meeting room in his Belweder Palace, Mr. Walesa said that the leaders of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization would face the most important decision in the alliance's history when they gather in Brussels next Monday and Tuesday. If the alliance does not carry out what Mr. Walesa said was its duty" to expand, the ramifications of the decision will be felt in this region for years.

Mr. Walesa said he could support the U.S.-led "Partnership for Peace" proposal. which sets a vague series of requirements and an unclear timetable for expanded

NATO membership, only if NATO gave security guarantees to Eastern Europe with in six months and the European Union took concrete steps to bring Eastern Europe into its economic orbit. He called this concept

"NATO peace."

Despite increasing signs that NATO will reject any immediate expansion. Mr. Walesa criticized a go-slow approach advocated in Western capitals as both "short-sighted and trresponsible." He also warned that the West's failure to take Eastern Europe's security interests to heart could spark the cre-ation of an alliance among countries in the region, headed possibly by Ukraine, which has yet to disarm its 1,700 nuclear warheads. "Why should the Ukraine disarm?" he

asked at one point. Throughout the hourlong interview, Mr. Walesa returned repeatedly to two dates in Polish history: 1939, when Nazi forces launched their blitzkrieg, and 1945, when Ailied forces at the Yalta conference agreed to give Stalin sway over Eastern Europe.

"I won't be satisfied if 50 years from now they say I was right," Mr. Walesa said. "We kept crying and shouting in 1939, but they only believed us when the war reached Paris

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Seoul Reports U.S. Is Near Recognition Of the North

American Official Says Deal Is Taking Shape on Defusing Nuclear Crisis

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SEOUL — South Korea's foreign minister said Monday that his country was preparing for the possibility of diplomatic recognition of North Korea by Washington and Tokyo as part of a deal to defuse the crisis over North Korea's

suspected nuclear weapons program. We plan to establish measures in preparation for that possibility." Foreign Minister Han

Sung Joo said. His comments coincided with a report by the South Korean news agency Yonhap that said North Korea had appointed top officials, in-cluding a brother of President Kim II Sung to prepare for a sudden settlement of its dispute with Washington and Tokyo.

And in Washington, a semor American official said a deal on Pyongyang's nuclear program could be wrapped up this week. The official said that there were some issues that the International Atomic Energy Agency must address, and that this was being done "soon. quickly." But he added that, probably, no further meetings between U.S. and North Korea negotiators were needed.

While he held out the possibility that discussions could extend a bit longer, the official went further than U.S. officials have previously in raising expectations that a deal was close at hand. Asked if he expected agreement this week, the official said: "It could be."

The comments Monday came after a series of

optimistic reports last week signaling a breakthrough in the nuclear impasse. Washington has been leading an effort to persuade North Korea to open its nuclear facilities to international inspection. The CIA believes Pyongyang may have produced one and possibly two nu-

The reports Monday indicated that the ninemonth tussle with Pyongvang over lears raised by the North's threat to pull out of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty would end with a deal.

Youhan quoted an unidentified South Korean government official as saying that "the United States and North Korea have virtually agreed on a package deal to resolve the nuclear

After one more informal contact this week according to this official, the United States and North Korea will hand the issue to the International Atomic Energy Agency. The agency, a United Nations nuclear watchdog body based in Vienna, would would work out details of inspection rules with North Korea and send an

inspection team as early as next week. Once the inspection team arrives in North Korea, the official said, the United States would announce the cancellation of annual joint military exercises with South Korea and set a timetable for talks on improving political

ties with the North. Cancellation of the joint U.S.-South Korea exercises is an old North Korean demand. The North regards the annual exercises as a rehearsal for war against it.

The deal also calls for the North to reopen dialogue with Seoul on denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula, the official said. The sequence of all such events are expected to take place by

Yonhap quoted the official as saying that the North Korean Communist Party had named two special top-level teams to cope with "a sudden and rapid rapprochement" with Tokyo. Washington and Seoul. The United States is still technically at war with North Korea, and Japan does not recognize the isolated regime.

There was no official or independent confirmation of the detailed Yonhap report, the first of its kind, which tended to buttress separate reports of a breakthrough in low-level talks between Washington and Pyongyang in New York, But South Korean officials appeared more optimistic than ever before that the longrunning tension with North Korea would soon

The report named Kim Yong Ju, the recently reinstated younger brother of the North Korean leader. Kim II Sung, 81. as being in charge of both North Korean teams. The teams are "similar to the task forces that China formed to prepare with normalization of diplomatic ties" in the 1970s, the official told Yonhap.

The special team for South Korean affairs is headed by Kim Yong Ju and Kim Dal Hyon, who was recently dismissed as state planning commission chairman and deputy prime minis ter, the official was quoted as saying.

The official identified the key North Korean figures on the team dealing with U.S. ties as Hwang Jang Yop and Kim Yong Sun, a party secretary. Mr. Hwang, recently named chair-

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A New Lease on Life - With Regrets

Psychologists Explore the Benefits of Looking Backward

By Lynda Edwards

New York Times Service NEW YORK - For eight years, the evenings of Dr. Thomas Gilovich were often filled with jurious, bitter people - children exploding with hatred of parents, workers and bosses warring, crimi-

nals smirking at victims they had ruined. Beginning in 1983. Dr. Gilovich, an associate professor of psychology at Cornell University, was a volunteer at the Community Dispute Resolution Center in Ithaca, New York, And that was where he first noticed the phenomenon he called "the regret window.

casual remark, a glimpse of a face, a thorny question - but suddenly a participant in a session would look distracted. The voice would suddenly sound tight, as if throat muscles were stiffening, and the gaze would drift and then fix in the distance as if on

What opened the window seemed completely unpredictable - a

a scene playing out beyond an invisible window. "What were you looking at?" Dr. Gilovich asked the first person be saw doing this. "Lost life." the man replied. What it revealed were

regrets - what Dr. Gilovich calls "the lost lives, lost selves a person could have lived or been if he had done a few things differently."

Dr. Gilovich stresses that he has not scientifically proven the existence of the regret window, but in 1991 his observations led him to begin work on it. He received a grant that year from the National Institute of Mental

Health in Washington to study aspects of decision-making, including regret. Also staking out this territory is Dr. Janet Landman, a professor of psychology at the University of Michigan. There is actually good news about regret, and it is especially welcome now, as the stockpiled regrets of the past year are confronted

and resolutions are made. Scientists said that regret can be a form of creative thought, motivating people to improve their lives. Psychologists classify regret as a complex emotion, as opposed to basic ones of anger, fear and happiness. "Nonclinical depressive realism" is a negative-sounding name that

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A Bosnian Serb aiming a recoilless rifle toward Bosnian Croatian positions near where the forces face each other in Croatia.

Zagreb Threatens Bosnia Intervention

New York Times Service

ZAGREB, Croatia - Faced with Muslim advances against their separatist proxy militia in central Bosnia, leaders of the Croatian government are threatening direct military intervention.

With another set of Balkan peace talks

scheduled in two weeks in Geneva, Croatian officials have begun a campaign to focus attention on the strategic Lasva valley northwest of Sarajevo, where troops loyal to the Muslim-dominated Bosnian government have surrounded about 65,000 Croats, mostly

Last week, Defense Minister Gojko Susak said the regular Croatian Army was ready to protect the Croatian enclaves if the Bosnian Army appeared on the verge of overrunning

"If the interests of the Croatian people in Bosnia-Herzegovina are threatened, Croatia will become involved directly to protect its own interests and the interests of the Croats in Bosnia-Herzegovina," Mr. Susak said. He added that this would happen if "Muslim forces should capture their areas, as they are

attempting right now."
"Croatia has helped them, and it will do all it can to help them," the defense minister said on state television. "If necessary, Croatia will

go a step further."
Mr. Susak, a Canadian pizza entrepreneur, is considered the leader of the militant "Herzegovina lobby" in the government. The group is believed to represent the many eth-nic Croats with roots in the southwestern region of Bosnia who have poured in money

Defense Council. President Franjo Tudiman of Croatia struck a bellicose note in a recent television interview, warning bluntly:

"The Muslims must either abandon their aggression, or the world will have to understand the steps we will have to take to defend Croats there

The armed forces commander, General Janko Bobetko, also warned that "Croatia has to set aside substantial means in order to assist our kin" in what he pointedly referred to as "Herzeg-Bosnia," the name the Croatian Defense Council uses for the ministate it is trying to establish.

"Anyone who would try to trespass on what is ours will be attacked with all weapons available," General Bobetko said, "We shall not allow even a small part of our territory to be taken away."

Already, about a third of Croatia proper has been occupied by Serbian separatists supported by the Serbian government. The Serbs took the territory in the war that broke out after Croatia seceded from the Yugoslav federation in 1991. When Bosnia-Herzegovina declared independence the next year, and was attacked by Bosnian Serbs supported by the Serbian government and army, Croats fought alongside the Bosnian Muslims.

But late last spring, when peace talks seemed to be heading toward a three-way partition of Bosnia, Croats began their own

drive for territory.

The Croatian Defense Council, however, has suffered a series of reverses since June as

to support both the Zagreb government and the Bosnian forces have advanced along a the separatist militia in Bosnia, the Croatian broad central front. The Bosnians have capbroad central front. The Bosnians have captured six towns, including some of the most fertile and populated land that had tradition-ally been Croatian, and have turned as many

as 10,000 Croatian civilians into refugees.

pressed with the threats. "The Croatian Army is already interven ing," Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic of Bos-nia said on Sarajevo television. "They have

Bosnian leaders professed to be unim-

been there for a while." [Mr. Silaidzic said he would hold talks Tuesday in Vienna with the Croatian foreign minister, Mate Granic, The Associated Press reported from Sarajevo.

■ Shelling Kills 15 in Sarajevo

Shelling killed 15 people in Sarajevo on Monday, including five members of one family and a girl killed as she and other children left kindergarten. The Associated Press re-ported. The killings came on a fine day that hared residents out during the first hall in fighting since pre-Christmas peace talks col-

Shelling and sniping erupted in early after-noon. Fifteen shells hit near UN headquarters and one shell 500 meters from the presidency killed five members of one family. At least one girl was killed when two shells smashed into a crowd of children leaving a kindergarten in western Sarajevo.

The shelling of Sarajevo has increased markedly since peace talks stalled in Brussels Dec. 23, and fighting between government and Croatian forces in central Bosnia has

Mexican Soldiers Hunt Indian Rebels Bonn Reconsiders Zhirinovsky Visa In Bloody Uprising

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS serious military threat. Their ranks CASAS, Mexico — Heavy fighting raged Monday between the Mexiscribed by townspeople as having can military and a group of armed peasants who continued their war against the government after taking

over six towns on New Year's Day. A pitched battle was taking place Monday in the town of Ocosingo, 35 miles (56 kilometers) east of this city in the southern state of Chiapas. The military said two soldiers. and 27 peasants had died in the Ocosingo fighting.

Together with the known deaths in Sunday's battles and those that occurred during the takeover of the cities on New Year's Day, the official death toll in this increasingly bloody rebellion stood at 86. One state official, however, said

the death toll among soldiers alone could be as high as 150. The rebels, holding three south-eastern towns and blocking roads leading out of San Cristobal, de-manded a "war tax" from motorists

who ventured out...

The attacks coincided with the opening days of the North American Free Trade Agreement be-tween Canada, Mexico and the United States. One masked rebel leader called the agreement "the death warrant for indigenous eth-

In this old colonial city, military helicopters could be seen firing on peasants in the nearby mountains. A steady rattle of gunfire came from troops fighting on the ground.

The uprising is the worst since the military put down a series of leftist guerrilla rebellions in the 1970's. Unlike the poorly organized guerrillas of those years, the self-proclaimed Zapatista National Liberation Army, a band of about 600 armed peasants, many of Mayan descent, coordinated their movements precisely and appeared to be highly trained and well-

■ A Shock to Mexicans Tim Golden of The New York Times reported from San Cristobal

de Las Casas: Mexicans were astonished by the uprising, the first significant guerrilla offensive in the country in nearly two decades.

Though they vowed to fight on until they reached Mexico City, the

yet have equivalent homegrown and Mr. Klaus.

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Gary L. Thatcher, Radio Free Europe's deputy director, said Gary L. Thatcher, Radio Free

rebels did not appear to represent a were filled with young Indian men and women, most of them de-

more discipline than training. While some carried assault rifles, others were outlitted with pistols, ancient carbines and even toy rilles made of wood.

they may present to the govern-ment of Mr. Salinas is less clear. Without offering any proof, the Chiapas state government linked the Zapatista Army to two tiny radical groups that outlived other Mexican guerfilla organizations ac-tive in the 1970s and to some liberal

The group is apparently named after Emiliano Zapata, a hero of the 1910 Mexican Revolution who defended the right of peasants to take over land.

Roman Catholic priests in the area.

In comments to reporters and broadcasts from a captured radio station, guerrilla leaders said that they were fighting on behalf of Mexico's dispossessed Indians and that the immediate catalyst was the NAFTA accord, which Mr. Salinas has promised will help move Mexi-co from the Third World toward the first.

"The free-trade agreement is a death certificate for the Indian peoples of Mexico, who are dispensable for the government of Mr. Sa-linas," the leader of the rebels who took San Cristobal told reporters. The leader, who called himself Commander Marcos, added, "We

rise up in arms against this death

sentence from Carlos Salinas. In its poverty and backwardness, much of Chiapas state bears more resemblance to the highlands of neighboring Guatemala than it does to the industrial hubs of northern and central Mexico. It has long been a hotbed of conflicts between relatively wealthy farmers and ranchers and

in a communique, the state gov-ernment also accused Catholic priests of the "theology of liberation" and their deacons of maintaining ties to the guerrillas and allowing them use of the radio ications network of the diocese of San Cristobal.

iandless peasants.

A spokesman for the diocese, Gonzalo Ituarte, dismissed the accusations as absurd and said the apheaval had deeper roots. The real antecedents I can see

are the isolation and impoverishment of these people," he said.

"Obviously the situation is not what it was 30 years ago," he said, speaking of a time when discrimination in the state was such that Indians were still not permitted to walk on the sidewalks of San Cristobal.

In San Cristobal, a lovely colonial town filled with American and European tourists, people were.

"There was a big fireworks display, and then we were sitting

WORLD BRIEFS

BONN (AP) — The world cannot ignore the Russian nationalist Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky and the German government should be really to talk with him, the Foreign Ministry said Monday.

The ministry's position could fuel a debate over whether it is best to isolate Mr. Zhirinovsky, dubbed the "Russian Hitler" by suine German isolate Mr. Zhirinovsky, dubbed the "Russian Hitler" by suine German newspapers, or treat him like other politicians. Mr. Zhinnovsky has newspapers, or treat mm like other pomictants, par Limitovsky sax shaken up many countries by suggesting that Russia should expand its borders, regain control over former central European satellities and take back Alaska Last week, Bulgaria expelled him during a visit, and Germany refused him a visa, expressing concern that he would use a press conference in Berlin as a stage for his extremist views.

But the Bild newspaper on Monday quoted Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel as saying Germany might give Mr. Zhirinovsky a visa if he wanted to conduct a "true political discussion," not disseminate propagation.

ade of wood. What sort of political challenge Japan Said to Plan Big Military Cuts

TOKYO (Reuters) — Japan plans to reduce its military installations by more than a third starting in 1996, conting the number of bases from 160 to 99, a leading daily newspaper said Monday.

The Young Appendix plants and down reductions were in line with the Defense Agency's plans to scale down operations in the post-Cold War

The agency was also considering reducing army personnel from 180,000 to under 150,000, the paper said. It did not specify a time frame for the base and personnel reductions. Ministry officials could not be reached for comment on Monday, a public holiday.

26 Held in Italy Toxic Waste Inquiry

ASTI, Italy (Reuters) — Police arrested 26 local politicians and business executives on Monday after inquiries into alleged compution business executives on Monday arter inquines into uneget compliant involving the operation of a waste dump in the northern town of Asti.

The suspects included the mayor of Asti, Giorgio Galvagno, a Socialist, and the provincial president, Gugliemo Tovo, of the Christian Democratic Party, the local prosecutor's office said.

Indicial sources said allegations against the 26 included abuse of public transportation.

office, corruption, fraud, causing pollution and the illegal transportation and storage of toxic waste. Mr. Galvagno, Mr. Tovo and 15 others were placed under house arrest while nine other wairants were served on business executives and politicians already in custody on suspicion of

Fires Rage on Australian East Coast

SYDNEY (Reuters) - Bush fires fed by blustery winds and searing temperatures raged along part of Australia's southeast coast on Monday, destroying houses near the industrial city of Newcastle and forcing

hundreds to flee their homes.

An earle red glow descended on Newcastle, a steel-making center of 300,000 people about 300 kilometers (185 miles) north of Sydney, as several of the more than 50 fires in the state of New South Wales burned around the city. Officials said a number of homes in the Newcastle suburb of Edgeworth had been destroyed.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Floods Delay French Holiday Return

PARIS (AFP) — Heavy rein caused flooding in the Paris region and southwestern France, forcing the closure of various roads as thousands of motorists headed home from their Christmas holiday, authorities said.

Authorities said the Marne had risen by up to two centimeters upstream and east of Paris on Sunday evening but that the water level was stable by mid-morning Monday. The river, however, has risen to a point well beyond the alert level between the eastern towns of Meaux and Lagny and had flooded parts of both towns forcing evacuations.

In Germany, snow and freezing rain caused highway havoc Monday, claiming at least six lives, and gave rise to worries of renewed flooding as

river levels rose. -A Famish tourist was killed in the Sahara and six other passeng

injured when a European tourist convoy traversing the desert between Chad and Niger hit a land mine, sources close to the French Embassy said. The mainly Italian party of 10 vehicles and 14 motorcycles was in a border area about 150 kilometers (90 miles) from Zena; in the far northwest of the mountainous Tibesti.

(AFP) Thirty-nine people were killed in Spain in road accidents over the holiday weekend. Thirty-two people were seriously injured. Spain's roads are among the most dangerous in Europe. Dozens are killed each

ekend. At least 4,732 people were killed in 1993. About 7 million tourists are expected in Malaysia this year because of a tourism promotion that could yield up to 6 billion ringgit (\$24 billion), officials said Monday in Knala Lumpur. (AFP)

Fifty years after the Enola Gay dropped an atomic bomb on Himshima, square, and the next thing you know we see them marching up the cone of the most extensive undertaken, is nearly complete. (LAT)

street," Craig Totaro, 29, a gradusite student at Temple University in
Philadelphia, said of the guerrillas.
"I thought, what is this? Eagle
Scouts?"

The cost of driving into central Sangapore during business hours went
up Monday in the latest measure against traffic jams. Private cars now
pay 3 Singapore dollars (\$1.88) for a permit covering the restricted 7:30
A.M.-6:30 P.M. period. Mounted detectors are to electronically deduct
fees from a stored card in each vehicle.

(AP)

Trial Is Set In Beating of Luge Racer

SUHL, Germany — Two neo-Nazi skinheads who allegedly led a gang that beat up an American luge racer will go on trial here in two weeks, court authorities said Mon-

The two are accused of leading about 10 skinheads who attacked Duncan Kennedy on Oct. 29 outside a bar in Oberhof, a winter sports center in Eastern Germany, about 10 kilometers (6 miles) from

The suspects, aged 21 and 16, are to go on trial Jan. 17, a district court spokesman said. They are charged with causing grievous bodily harm.

It was not clear whether Mr. Kennedy and other American athletes would be called to testify at the trial. The American luge team is scheduled to be in Oberhof Jan. 10-16 for World Cup races. The two suspects face a maxi-

mum of five years in prison each if

The Thueringer Allgemeine newspaper reported last week that the trial would start Jan. 10. But the court spokesman, Karsten Ränbekeul, said Monday it would open seven days later.

Kuwaiti Shot in Clash With Iragis Off Coast The Associated Press

KUWAIT — Coast guards clashed with three Iraqi military men who ignored warning shots and sailed into Kuwaiti territorial waters, the newspaper Al Anbaa reported Monday. One Kuwaiti was wounded in Sunday's naval clash, the daily said.

Since the end of the Gull War in February 1991, Iraqi and Kuwaiti soldiers have often clashed.

U.S. Weighs Czech Offer as Radio Host

BONN - An offer by the Czech Republic to let Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty move their headquarters from Munich to Prague, where they could continue broadcasting to Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, is presenting the Clinton administra- journalistic institutions. president's visit to Prague and Moscow next week.

The U.S. government-financed radios are facing tremendous financial pressure, from the administration and from members of Congress, to close their operational headquarters in Munich.

The offer to provide the radios with office and studio space in Prague was made in October by Prime Minister Vaclav Klaus and President Vaclav Havel, a fervent supporter of Radio Free Europe's surrogate news broadcasting to his own and other East European countries as long as the free press there is still in its infancy. But the offer was not immediate-

ly accepted, for a variety of reasons including wide resistance from staff members, most of them East European émigrés who have been living in Munich for years. The administration mandated a

cut in the radios' budget from \$210 million to \$75 million by the end of the next fiscal year. Sept. 30, 1995, and ordered a consolidation of Raof America. The radios have also to about 700.

Radio Liberty now have news bu-nationalists in Russia who would reaus in every East European capital and in those of Russia, Ukraine, ern Europe as a threat to Moscow. Kazakhstan and Belarus, reporting After the meeting, Mr. Clinton

lion a year in operating costs.

ing on the condition of anonymity, "and it would only cost \$10 to \$15 million to move, against annual savings of \$15 million to \$20 million a year. The U.S. Embassy in Bonn has been begging the White House to move on it."

dio Free Europe's foreign-language may arrive at a resolution. But broadcasts with those of the Voice there are larger issues involved. The agreed to reduce the number of the White House at senior levels, an their workers in Europe from 1,530 administration official said.

Radio Liberty, which broadcasts Western community of nations, the in Russian and other languages of Czech Republic, Hungary and Pothe former Soviet Union, would be land are all pressing to join the combined with the Voice of Ameri- North Atlantic Treaty alliance as ca and Radio Free Europe under a soon as possible — a wish that single federal agency according to legislation that the administration leaders are not planning to fulfill at proposed last year. Congress is to the NATO summit meeting in debate the matter again this month.

The new democratic govern-day.

By Craig Whitney New York Times Service ments in Eastern Europe have been among the radios' most vociferous defenders. Radio Free Europe and V. Zhirinovsky and other militant defenders.

"The building is in move-in condition," a U.S. official said, speak-Slovakia in a dispute with Slovak had been "precipitate."

Officials of the radio say the Board for International Broadcasting, the quasi-governmental entity that runs both stations, has been interested in moving to Prague but reluctant to commit itself. The U.S. Information Agency, which runs the Voice of America, is said to be leaning toward keeping Radio Free Europe under its control in Washington and has so far opposed a move to Prague, said knowledge-

able Americans here.
The board is scheduled to meet in Washington on Monday and question is also being considered at

Eager to become a part of the

interpret a NATO embrace of Eastfor domestic audiences that do not leaves for Prague to see Mr. Havel

died Sunday on Fox Island, near Seattle. She

she dismissed media reports about past fed-

said. "A little bit more or a little bit less is of no consequence." She had no patience for

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President Richard Nixon appointed Gov-

ernor Ray, a Democrat, to the atomic panel in 1972. When it was phased out, she was

named assistant secretary of state, oversee-

vironment and Scientific Affairs.

"Everybody is exposed to radiation," she

eral radiation experiments as alarmist.

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under a contract that expires in 1995. A meeting last week in Bratislava failed to resolve the issue, and another meeting is scheduled for later this month.

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Offering to help lift the financial give the Czechs what they want on Monday that Slovak communicaburden, the Czechs offered the alliance membership," a U.S. offitions officials had complained that Offering to help lift the financial give the Czechs what they want on Monday that Slovak communicabuilding that once housed the cial here said, "but if he accepted the government and its regulation Czechoslovak federal legislature in the Czech offer to take Radio Free of the Slovak news media was being Prague, for what officials of the Europe and Radio Liberty, he cast in a negative light. But on Saturday, the Slovak News Agency would make them very happy." Saturday, the Slovak News Agency
Radio Free Europe is also facing
a Jan. 31 cutoff of its service in the decision to end transmissions

SEATTLE - Dixy Lee Ray, 79, an out- tire administration she also scorned the out-

Dixy Lee Ray Dies, Governor and Nuclear Official

Washington state's only woman governor, said. When she sought re-election, she lost the suffered a severe bronchial condition for Democratic primary to Jim McDermott. She was governor from 1977 to 1981. An Eval Mikson, 82, Suspected

Governor Dan Evans and dismissed his en-

avid supporter of the nuclear industry, Governor Ray was head of the Atomic Energy Of Nazi Crimes in Estonia REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP) — Eval Mik-She issued her latest no-nonsense commentary on nuclear issues Thursday, when son, 82, a suspected Nazi criminal from Estoshe dismissed media reports about past fednia, died Dec. 27 in Iceland, where he had

lived since 1946. Mr. Mikson, whose name in Iceland was Edvald Hindriksson, died in a suburb of Reykjavik. He was suspected of killing 30 people and involvement in killings of 150 more. He always denied the accusations and said he was the victim of Communist propa-ganda. Iceland's prosecution office decided in August to further investigate the alleged war crimes. But the prosecutor announced the inquiry was now being dropped.

ing the Bureau of Oceans, International En-Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil, 85, a Turkish pol-itician who served as foreign minister for 10 years in the 1960s and 1970s, died Thursday She returned to Washington state in 1975, complaining that Secretary of State Henry Kissinger had ignored her.

Her straightforward political style frequently upset people. When she succeeded

after lung and heart failure. During his tenure, Turkey normalized relations with the Soviet Union. He was exiled to a western

town after the military coup in 1980, when he the beach until the film director Roman was acting president.

spoken advocate of nuclear power and cry that followed. "No one owns a job," she War II, died in Sarasota, Florida, last Tues-day after suffering complications from respi-ratory problems. He led a series of successful submarine missions in 1942 that supplied MacArthur in Corregidor and attacked doz-ens of enemy vessels in the Pacific.

MacArthur in Corregidor and attacked dozens of enemy vessels in the Pacific.

Axel Corti, 60, a filmmaker and broadcaster who created works about Nazism and the life of immigrants in Europe, died of cancer Wednesday near Salzburg. He had been attack. He received eight Academy Award attack. er who created works about reason and the life of immigrants in Europe, died of cancer Wednesday near Salzburg. He had been filming Joseph Roth's "Radetzky March," a tale of life in the Austrian-Hungarian Em-

Tosca Marmor, 92, a pianist and music teacher who gave singing lessons to many French singers, died Thursday in Paris. Born in Poland, she studied piano in Vienna with naid returned to France. Among her students agents, oned of neart trouble Dec. 25 m Bogotá.

Howard Caine, 67, an actor who printinged the often finistered German Major Editated der in the television comedy "Hogair's Flerourt judge who once wowed to remain on Los Angeles.

Polanski returned to the United States for Rest Admiral Fritz Harlfinger, 80, who sentencing on a child sex charge, died of helped supply General MacArthur in World cancer Thursday.

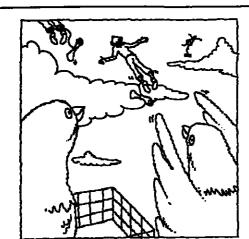
Juan González, 51, a Cuban-born realist painter who taught for nearly two decades at the School of Visual Arts in New York, died of AIDS Friday in New York.

nominations for best song. Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer, 63, arrangulate voice of American Jewish liberation and spiritual leader of Congregation B in Jeshurun on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, died of cancer Wednesday in New York.

Lancklin Carrie, 91, a economic advisor to President Franklin D. Recommic advisor to

Emil Sauer, a protege of Liszt. She moved to President Franklin D. Roosevelt with later Paris in the 1930s and was deported by the Nazis in 1944 to Auschwitz. She survived agents, died of heart trouble Dec. 23 in was accused of passing information to Soviet agents, died of heart trouble Dec. 23 in

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Health Care Tops Clinton Agenda

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton launched his 1994 push for health care-overhand on Monday, saying "this will be a year when we attempt to fix what's broken" with the system.

A pep talk to his revamped health-care reform-team, including the first lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, was the first item of business on Mr. Clinton's agenda for the year.

Asked at a picture-taking session how much he was willing to compromise with Congress, Mr. Chinton said: "We're going to see a fleshing out of all the alternatives" in the coming days.
But he said the "bottom line" remains "compre-

hensive benefits that can never be taken away." "That leaves a whole lot of room for working out the details," Mr. Clinton said.

It was Mr. Chinton's first full day in the White House after a winter gab and golf getaway. He had a series of meetings planned to plot domestic strategy for the new year and preparing for a trip abroad to the NATO summit meeting and a Moscow meeting with President Boris N. Yelssin,

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Speaking to the health care group, Mr. Clinton said: I believe that 1994 will go down in history as the year when, after decades and decades of false starts and lame excuses and being overcome by special interests, the American people finally, fi-nally, had health security for all."

Later in the day, Mr. Clinton said, he was "going to have a whole series of meetings about my trip."
He leaves Saunday for a 10-day, five-nation trip that will take him from the NATO meeting in Brussels to a meeting with President Hafez Assad of Syria in Geneva, where they will discuss pros-pects for peace negotiations between Syria and

In between, Mr. Clinton has stops in the Czech Republic, Russia and Belarus.

Can House Bust the Fillbusters?

WASHINGTON - House Democrats, furious over a stream of filibusters mounted by Senate Republicans, may try to change an ancient con-

gressional custom: the one that says Thou Shalt Not Speak III of "The Other Body." At stake in the short-term is a parliamentary rule written by Thomas Jefferson that has governed debate in the House for the last 166 years.

But changing Mr. Jefferson's "speak-no-evil" rule is just part of a larger fight to pressure the Senate to alter its own rules and make it easier to stop the libbusters used by Republicans this year to attack legislation favored by Mr. Chitton. It now takes 60 of the 100 senators to end a

Representative David R. Obey, Democrat of

Wisconsin, who is leading anti-fillibuster forces in the House complains that he is muzzled by House rules and berred from even mentioning the issue in

Mr. Obey contends that the filibuster was once used only to slow progress on major issues, but now has become "an outrageous and unaffordable relic of the political stone age."

"In the Senate the Habuster has been used to hold up economic policy, the extension of mem-ployment benefits, even things as mundane as grazing foes," Mr. Obey said in an interview.

"I think we have a very pernicious thing going on," he said. "I think the results of elections are being subverted by persons, organizations and even political parties who try to impose super majority rule in order to try to change the results of

Welfare Bureaucracy Balloons

WASHINGTON (AP) - The cost of running welfare programs is rising more than twice as fast as the number of people on the rolls, according to federal investigators who blame an overly complex and bloated bureaucracy.

A draft report by the inspector general at the Department of Health and Human Services says the federal government spends \$6 billion to \$8

billion a year helping states deliver food stamps, Medicaid and monthly eash benefits under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program. The investigators said federal administrative costs increased by 43 percent between 1987 and 1991, from roughly \$3.4 billion to \$4.9 billion, while the number of recipients in the three programs increased on average by 18 percent, from \$3.3 million to \$2.5 million. 53.3 million to 62.5 million.

The data do not support the contention that rising administrative costs are the result of expanded program responsibilities," the investigators say in their report, obtained by The Associated Press under the Freedom of Information Act.

The report also found that the federal government's share of beautit payments under family aid, Medicaid and food stamps is growing quickly; from \$45 billion in 1987 to \$79 billion in 1991, an increase of 74 percent.

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Mr. Clinton, asked if he supported naming a special prosecutor to look into the Whitewater sifair involving his relation to a failed Arkansas savings and loan: "I have nothing to say about that. I've said we'll turn the records over. And there's nothing else for me to say about that "(AP)



Coffee in hand, Mr. Clinton alighting from his limousine during the retreat in South Carolina.

Clinton Revelations And the Zipped Lips No One's Telling What Passed For 'Public' Self-Examination

By Douglas Jehl

HILTON HEAD, South Carolina - As an exercise in self-revelation. President Bill Clinton's 35-minute presentation on "What I Have Learned was described by some of his fellow Renaissance Weekend participants as somewhat less than fully revealing.

But then, few of the other participants were being revealing either. At a gathering of public people that was officially private, even journalists among the guests insisted that the details of what the president said to the crowd of 1,000 had to remain strictly off the record

"I'd rather not characterize it." said Marshall Loeb, the editor of Fortune Magazine, when asked what he had learned from Mr. Clinton's Joe Klein, the Newsweek columnist, had an excuse. "You'll have to forgive me," he said when questioning grew specific. "I really have to

pack up our things and go.

What presidents tell members of their inner circle has always been

private. But Mr. Clinton's hush-hush performance in a Hyati Hotel ballroom was an extension of those confidential bonds. For a group that encourages personal openness, participants showed themselves to be determinedly closed as far as outsiders were concerned.

Mr. Clinton and his family have been coming to this annual retreat amid golf courses. Spanish moss and sea grasses for a decade, and until now there has been no test of its organizers' insistence that the proceedings remain confidential. But this year's fresh twist of a sitting president speaking at length to a

crowd of about 1,000, all of whom were supposed to keep silent about it, introduced a strain. On Sunday, about all that a Renaissance Weekend spokesman was willing to say was that Mr. Clinton's remarks had been thoughtful, personal, devoid of any bitterness, stimulating and interest-

A few guests who were willing to describe the thrust of Mr. Clinton's presentation said it was somewhat typical of a gathering whose participants tend to speak with most passion about matters of public policy. Speaking mostly from notes, Mr. Clinton was said to have spoken with both warmth and tetchiness, but to have focused more on the political

than personal lessons he had gleaned since taking office. Mr. Clinton expressed regret, a participant said, for waiting until so late in the year to speak out on moral issues such as crime and violence. But it was not until he came to his plans for overhauling the health system, one sympathetic guest said, that he spoke with true "missionary

Mr. Loeb of Fortune said he had no misgivings about taking part in the off-the-record session. But at least one other among the dozen or so journalists who were invited insisted that he had not known secrecy was

"Isn't this all going to put on the record?" the journalist asked some of his colleagues. "I thought everything a president says in a big group is supposed to be public.

When he was not at the conference, Mr. Clinton spent much of his fiveday weekend on the golf course.

In World of Deaf, The Signs They Are A-Changin

WASHINGTON - Perhaps as recently as two or three years ago. a deaf person would sign the word "Japanese" simply by twisting the little finger next to the eye.

little finger next to the eye.

But today, many of the more shan 200,000 people who use the American Sign Language avoid using this sign because it makes a graphic reference to a stereotypical physical feature, slanted eyes. Instead, many deaf people are making the sign for "Japanese" by pressing the thumb and index fingers of both hands together and then pulling them apart, carving the silhonette of Japan into the air. The signs that are changing, like the spoken words that are dropping out of polite usage, are often terms for various ethnic groups, in American Sign Language, which sometimes has its roots in easily recognizable gestimes, signs are often deemed offensive because they are visually provocative.

The signs for "Chimese," and "Korean," which are made by forming the letters "C" and "K around the eye, are changing. There is an emerging term for "African-American:" One of the current signs for "homosexmal" was unacceptable 10 years ago. And one of

is an emerging main for Announ-American: One of the current signs for "isomoscomai" was unacceptable 10 years ago. And one of the signs for "stingy," which is derived from the sign for "lewish" (rubbing on an imaginary beard), has recently stimulated discussions among deaf Jews around the country, though no new sign has actually shown up in its stead. This particular sign for "stingy" adds a clenched of tight hist to the imaginary beard.

For many deal people, the new signs are not only indications of sensitivity to those who are slighted by stereotypes, but they reflect their own desire for recognition as a distinct group that descrees the same sort of deference being extended to ethnic, religious and racial

Thirty years ago, a swish of the wrist was one of the legitimate signs for homosexual. It was dropped, however, because of its suggestion that homosexuals were effectionate. Until recently, some deaf people also ran their middle finger through their hair to sign homosexual," though most others regarded that sign as an epithet

because of its overtly leminine character.

The appropriate way to sign "homosexual" these days is to finger-spell it, or to place the sign for the letter "q" on the chin. A decade ago this sign was unacceptable, because it meant the equivalent of "queer." Now it is in vogue.

U.S. Starts to Lay Bare Radiation Tests

By Paul F. Horvitz

cts in Cold War atomearnest on Monday.

recent weeks.

"I know that the federal government cannot afford not to compensate people," he said. "These peo-ple were made human guinea pigs

experiments went, why some subjects were not properly informed

among the more vulnerable Americans - prison inmates and the mentally retarded.

their atomic programs.

White House officials and Ener-

gy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary agree that the government should compensate people who were in-volved in secret experiments with-out their knowledge, or their survivors. Most of the experiments took

plutonium injections, atmospheric that the levels were extremely low releases of radiation and the inges- and, in many cases, would have tion of radioactive foods.

In a news conference last month, guidelines. Mrs. O'Leary confirmed that since the end of World War II, the government had conducted experiments at laboratories, universities and hospitals around the country on about 600 individuals.

She said that, so far, the Energy Department believed that as many as 18 people were not properly in-formed before taking part in the full faculties for informed conexperiments. But her announcement has been followed by reports questioning whether proper informed consent was given by dozens and possibly scores of others

human subjects. Although much of what Mrs O'Leary said was revealed seven years ago by a Massachusetts con-gressman, her blunt public state ments led to widespread publicity about the experiments. A free gov ernment phone line was set up to take calls from those who believed they were improperly exposed to radiation.

Mrs. O'Leary said last month that what she had learned about the human experimentation had left her "appalled, shocked and deeply President Bill Clinton praised Mrs. O'Leary for her candor and promised a high-level review on how to

and 23 pregnant women ingested radioactive material in federally

ealth. given radioactive iron and the chil-Much is known about the experi-dren radioactive loods. But offifallen within current federal safety

> Other reports have said subjects in hospitals were given injections of

In a 1986 report, Mr. Markey contended that U.S. government officials had conducted "repugnant" experiments on terminally ill patients, prison inmates and others sent." His report also said the test-

ing continued into the 1970s. But the report drew scant notice. in part, Mr. Markey believes, be-

gan did not wish to probe government files for the details

Mr. Markey said Monday that Central Intelligence Agency in future meetings on the topic. The White House session Monday involved officials from the depart-ments of Defense, Energy, Health and Human Services and Veterans Affairs, plus the National Aero-

nautics and Space Administration. In 1986. Mr. Markey's congressional subcommittee listed 31 separate experiments involving nearly 700 people in hospitals, prisons and military installations.

Mrs. O'Leary has asked a pane of outside experts on medical ethics to review government records, and she has promised a more detailed report on their findings in June.

Away From Politics

 A rescue ship pulled alongside a life raft but found no survivors from a freighter that sank the day before in rough seas in the mid-North Atlantic. The Liberian-registered Marika 7 bulk carrier, with 36 Greek and Filipino crew members, vanished from radar screens Saturday in a storm 950 miles (1,500 kilometers) east of Newfoundland. Search ships recovered three empty life rings, and planes spotted two life rafts. They also saw two flares fired.

 More than 100 water mains ruptured in the Washington area, most due to rapidly falling and rising temperatures, utility officials st Prince George's and Montgomery counties in Maryland counted 62 breaks in older cast-iron pipes over the weekend, while about 40 were reported in Falls Church and Fairfax County, Virginia, and 13 in the

 A motorist impatient to pass fired into a another car as he overtook it on the right on a California freeway, killing a teenager, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department said. The 19-year-old victim was a passenger in a car in the left lane on Interstate 15 when the gumman pointed a handgun and fired one shot. The assailant continued on at more than 90 miles per hour, and no arrests were made.

 The killing of Alaskan wolves in neck snares has animal protectionists up in arms. So far, 65 wolves, mainly young, have been slain by trappers of the state Department of Fish and Game. Those that are not choked to death are shot on the spot. The goal is to eliminate 100 to 150 wolves, or 75 to 80 percent of those in a 4,030-square-mile area between Fairbanks and Denali National Park. Reuters, AP. LAT

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REGRETS: Lost Lives and Selves

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scientists use for regret. But Dr. Gilovich and Dr. Landman believe it is not just futile sadness. In her book, "Regret: The Persis-tence of the Possible," Dr. Landman cites a study that suggests that the experience of regretting some-thing actually raises the level of adrenaline in the body.

Thus, regret can be seen as a form of creative thought. In labora-tory tests, people harboring regret showed greater accuracy in judgment and processed information more analytically than other sub-jects. Dr. Landman said. Dr. Gilovich and Dr. Landman

view regret the way Jungian psy-chologists see dreams: as coded messages to what you are from what you were meant to be.

"The mystery at the end of one research tunned," Dr. Landman said, "is this: If a mind regrets well, can it better map a path to that alternate life? But science is incremental. There are hundreds of smaller questions to answer first." Dr. Landman cited information

from polls done by the Gallup Organization from 1988 to 1991. The No. I regret — given by 65 to 70 percent of the respondents—was not getting enough educa-

of the respondents. Marrying or cited by about 30 percent.

inspires regret more intensely than

not having had better careers. He found only one sharp sexbased contrast. "Men were far

suing the wrong person was

"In regret, the mind has to imag-ine undoing facts," Dr. Gilovich coplained, "It's easy to imagine undoing just two or three things. But if it has to imagine 20 things differ-ently, the mind files it as a Walter Mitry fantasy. So a possible dream

a hopeless one." Regret taps into a primordial fear: the dread of being a loser," he continued: "Politicians and executives are always advised to admit mistakes, never regrets. Mistake implies a neutral tactical error, but no powerful person wants colleagues to know that, even for a moment, a piece of his life or character ever felt bopelessly second-

Dr. Gilovich has begun studying the relationship of regret to sex. In his initial surveys, he found that both men and women cited regrets mvolving career, family and love. Middle-aged men were more likely to regret not spending time with their families, while middle-aged women were more likely to regret

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place in the 1940s, '50s and '60s' sponsored studies, without proper and were intended to learn about informed consent. The reports said the women were the effects of radiation on human

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WASHINGTON — A painful and introspective look by the U.S. government into its history of using ic radiation experiments began in

Top staff members from several key government agencies met at the White House to decide how to uncover the answers to troubling questions that have been raised in

Among their initial decisions was to pursue some form of comensation for victims, according to Representative Edward J. Markey. a Massachusetts Democrat who spearheaded congressional efforts o bring the experiments to light

for the benefit of the national security of our country."
Already, officials at the departments of Energy, Defense and Vetcrans Affairs have ordered file searches to determine how far the

about the nature of the studies and how the government should re-Some subjects were reportedly

Behind the recent release of information is an attempt by U.S. officials to as one put it, "expose the impact of the Cold War" on lysts also believe that the public airing of U.S. nuclear secrets is a

human health, the environment and the national psyche. Some anaprecursor to calls for other nuclear powers to divolge the extent of

On Sunday, a senior White House official said compensation was appropriate for people who were not given a full description of the experiments to which they were Newspapers in Boston reported in recent days that records at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology showed that 125 mentally retarded children at a state school

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Africa Is Being Left Out

In a burst of compassion and amid loud applause, the United States a year ago rushed to the rescue of the sick and starving in Somalia, But for Africans, this holiday season is even bleaker, and not just for Somalis. When the humanitarian mission in Somalia went sour, most of Africa below the Sahara also seemed to drop from sight. Every bit of bad news - civil wars, military coups, drought and disease - has sadly reinforced a mood of fatalism or still worse, callous unconcern.

Yet it is one thing to recognize Africa's economic and political ills, and quite another to let them become the pretext for doing little or nothing. Much that has gone wrong in Africa springs from causes beyond African control; that, too, needs to be recognized. First and most grievous is the steady drop over a decade in the world prices for African exports, which in turn has shrunk the private investment flow to sub-Saharan states from \$10 billion in 1982 to \$4.7 billion in 1990.

The dismaying results are underscored by Butros Butros Ghali, the first United Nations secretary-general from Africa. For countries below the Sahara, foreign debts, described by Mr. Butros Ghali as a "millstone around the neck," have risen to the equivalent of 106 percent of gross domestic product, compared with 37 percent for another debtor region, Latin America. This has cruelly coincided with a decline in development loans from multilateral banks. New lending commitments to sub-Saharan Africa by the World Bank in its last financial year fell by \$1.2 billion, or 30 percent. That in part reflects sharper competition for all foreign aid. The World Bank's commitments to Eastern Europe, for example, rose in the same year to \$3.8 billion from \$1.7 billion.

Doubtless, as the World Bank says, Africa's political volatility helps explain this contrast. But it is also true that sub-Saharan Africa has been the biggest loser as the Cold War has ended. A decade ago, the Reagan administra-tion expatiated on Africa's vital maritime "choke points," its wealth of natural resources and the presence of 37,000 Communist economic technicians below the Sahara, Now the technicians have disappeared, along with Soviet-bloc aid, and so has Africa's Cold War leverage. What this also implies was spelled out at a conference in Namibia by a British parliamentarian. David Steel: "We in the West cheerfully supported appalling dictator-ships because they were on the 'right' side in the Cold War. Now that this shadow is lifted, we demand instant standards of good governance. This is not good enough."

So what is good enough? A little more aid

and debt forgiveness in extreme cases would make a difference. So would incentives for political and market reforms. But what might achieve more, at negligible cost, would be a concerted diplomatic initiative to bring an end to wars that beggar and uproot so many peoples in Angola and Mozambique, in Liberia and Sudan, in Somalia and Rwanda.

Remarkably, Africa witnessed real gains in 1993. South Africa has repudiated apartheid. Peace, however tenuous, prevails in Ethiopia; Eritrea has won its right to independence. Armies have demobilized in Uganda, and its economy is percolating. In a broad swath of countries from Kenya to Zambia, from Malawi to Gabon, ordinary people are clamoring for human and political rights. Gains like these merit a more generous - and attentive response from richer nations.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Central Banks: Independent, Accountable, Linked

R OME — Central banks now find them-selves unusually strong and influential. I refrain from saying popular, a word that is not easily associated with institutions which

often have to say "no." It is not hard to understand why Guido Carli, the former head of the Bank of Italy, chose to hang behind his desk a very large painting of Saint Sebastian impaled with all those arrows.

If not popularity, then it is a sense of need and respect that in recent years has led something like a dozen important countries to rewrite their national laws and even their constitutions to provide a high degree of insti-tutional autonomy for their central banks. Many other central banks, in fact if not in law, have gained the clearly dominant voice in monetary policy, and often a large influence in general economic policy.

This idea has reached its apex in the new

central banking system of the European Com-munity as envisioned in the Maastricht treaty. All of this change has, as perhaps never before, given rise to discussion about the proper role of central banks, their relationship not only to their governments but to each other, and the adequacy of their instruments.

Much as I and others may welcome greater autonomy for central bank decision-making, we have to recognize that an independent central bank is not an end in itself. It certainly cannot substitute for trust in elected officials and effective government. Moreover, the very idea of emphasizing greater independence in an increasingly interdependent financial world strikes a dissonant note. Behind the slogan of central bank independence, we need

a clearer understanding of its real significance in today's world, and of its limitations as well. Control over the creation of money and credit and the supervision and oversight of financial institutions — the kind of thing central banks do — is recognized as a public function. There are those in my country and elsewhere who argue that a central bank not directly controlled by elected officials is "undemocratic." But surely that criticism is inBy Paul A. Volcker

consistent with the essential genius of that greatest of all political inventions of Western civilization, the constitutional democracy.

An informed citizenry can and does assign certain of its sovereign powers to a duly consti-tuted authority — and that delegation of au-thority can be withdrawn. In other words, the exercise of important governmental powers depends ultimately on the broad support of the body politic, and a formally independent cen-

In a turbulent world, the independent central bank symbolizes the importance that a society attaches to financial stability.

tral bank's authority will be tempered by what informed opinion accepts as reasonable in the

ight of agreed public purposes.

Forceful and determined central bankers can and should be persuasive participants in the public discussion. If effective, they will enlarge their authority. Indeed, I feel certain that even the Bundesbank, the European ex-emplar of statutory central bank indepen-dence, has maintained its autonomy by virtue

of its strong base of public support.

In the international sphere, the question of appropriate coordination among economic policies arises inescapably in the area of exchange rates, a matter for decision that few governments will yield entirely to their central banks. No one from my side of the Atlantic need dwell on these points in the light of recent European experience, one re-sult of which has been to set back the process of achieving a single currency.

Whatever course Europe decides to follow

ment monetary policies without regard to the programs and policies of the rest of its government and its counterparts abroad is not of this world. What the European experience also illustrates is that the independence of central banks offers no escape from the consequences

of mismanagement of fiscal or other policies. Those points are relevant for other countries, including my own. Economically large-nations, relatively less exposed to foreign trade than the closely knit economics of Western Europe, may be less concerned about what the pursuit of an independent monetary policy does to their exchange rates. But even large economic units — the United States, the European Community, Japan — are subject to economic disturbance when exchange rates swing too widely. Look at the strong dollar in the early 1980s, and more recently the yen. I do not raise these familiar points to sug-

gest that there are simple, politically accept able and economically efficient formulas for reconciling internal and external stability. They do not exist, any more than they do in coordinating internal economic policies. What I do suggest is that the threat of substantial exchange market disturbances will recede to the extent that prospects for price stability in our individual countries can be credibly reinforced, thereby reducing speculative and economic pressures on exchange rates.

There are those who look upon monetary policy as a kind of abstract process, conducted by a kind of special priesthood imbued with concepts about the money supply and inflation somewhat removed from contact with the real world of banks and markets. In that view, the central bank might be distracted from its main job by direct participation in banking regulation and supervision, and, if involved,

should consider it a secondary affair.

But central banks like my own and the Bank of Italy come from a different tradition. They were founded much more out of con-cern about banking stability than out of ideas

with respect to a single currency, the idea that each central bank can be free to set and impleity for supervising the hanking system and to, some degree other financial markets as well. Monetary policy, by its nature, works through the banking system. If that system is fragile, the stability of the economy as a whole will be jeopardized and the effective conduct-

of monetary policy impaired. What is not so clear is the extent to which the international system has been exposed to new risks of breakdown. The combination of greater market volatility, increasingly complex interrelationships among financial insti-utions, and the berd mentality of financial operators at a time of pressure and uncertain-

can be a potent mixture. Central banks have a deep and continuing interest in these matters and bring to the debate an experience, an expertise and an objectivity about the imancial industry that is of unique value. How ironic it is that now some would weaken the capacity of central banks to deal with the pressing concerns and to shape the direction of change. That seems to me the practical import of recent legislative proposals in the United States.

in a surbulent world, the independent central bank symbolizes the importance that a society attaches to financial stability. Independence provides an environment in which professionalism, continuity and integrity can be nourished. A strong central bank has served Italy well, and I look ferward to further success. in its efforts to restore stability not only in Italy, but as part of the larger European effort.
The final irony may be that, with full success in those efforts, there may be no occasion

for an Italian bicentennial celebration a hundred years from now. The identity of the Bank. of Italy will have been incorporated into the larger European whole.

The writer is a former chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve. This comment was adapted by the International Herald Tribune from an address for the centenary of the Bank of Italy.

The industrial sector in East Asia is

now more than nine times larger than it was in 1965, while in South Asia it

is four times larger. Pollution and toxic waste have risen in line with this

growth. The impact on public health is compounded by the high concen-

tration of industry, especially in East Asia, and by water shortages in in-dustrial areas, particularly during dry seasons. As a result, excessive

amounts of pollutants are deposited

To reduce industrial pollution, a

multipronged approach is required.
This must start with government

commitment and a demonstrated will

to clean up the most polluting indus-tries. Effective pollution control sys-

in surface and ground water.

'Better' Babies in China

However China's new policy on "better' babies is received at home, abroad it is bound to increase the burden that political and cultural differences place on the connection between China and the West.

Announced first as a draft law entitled "On Eugenics and Health Protection," it drew heavy foreign criticism and was quickly re-named the "Draft Natal and Health Care Law." The content, however, seems unchanged. The law would arm the Chinese government with new authority to advocate abortion and sterilization to prevent births of children with disabilities.

Some qualified observers of Chinese ways are not at all shocked by this proposed law "to avoid new births of inferior quality and heighten the standards of the whole population." It is not just the heavy cost of special care, in a poor and overpopulated country, for an estimated 400,000 children born each year with congenital diseases. With the government's existing one-child-per-family birth policy, a premrum is put on the health of that single child.

In the West, nonetheless, the Chinese proposal unavoidably suggests a totalitarian "eu-genics" approach. China is, after all, a country where the state already mobilizes its outsized power to influence family size. Complaints of forced abortions are chronic.

American parents often undergo genetic testing to detect potential birth defects, but in the United States the testing is a matter of personal choice, and so is any subsequent deci-

sion taken on the basis of the testing.

The draft law being considered in Beijing formally stipulates that termination of pregnancy must be with the agreement of the woman or her guardian. But how much weight will actually be given to the woman's will in the delicate transaction that proceeds under "the principle of combining government guidance with individual choice

In short, what the Chinese propose to do may or may not be consistent with Chinese norms, but it seems appallingly distant from Western norms. The policy takes to the state a notable measure of arbitrary and abusable authority and tramples on the biological and moral autonomy that defines individual dignity. For the Chinese authorities to put such a policy into law is to sharpen the sense of difference that already suffuses American-Chinese relations. It is a terrible thing in its own right, and it is a mistake.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

As Asia Urbanizes, Pollution Problems Grow Ever More Urgent

BANGKOK — Rapid urbaniza-tion is transforming Asia. Eighty-seven Asian cities have more than a million inhabitants. By 2005, more than half the population of East Asia will live in cities. In South Asia. the urban population will overtake the rural population by 2025.

Rapid economic growth and industrialization have caused unacceptably high levels of pollution. However that growth combined with a high rate of domestic savings in many East Asian countries provides public and private capital to invest in the technologies needed to clean up the environment. And since pollution is concentrated in urban areas, it can be tackled more cost-effectively.

The economic, health and other

costs of environmental degradation are already high. The cost of air and water pollution in Jakarta probably exceeds \$1 billion a year, while in Bangkok it is more than \$2 billion. Costs in Asia's other large cities are comparable. They are rising as safety

ASHINGTON —In less than a

Les Aspin has accomplished far more

than the president who appointed

him is likely to understand. Working

in extremely difficult circumstance

himself and his closest advisers -

the former chairman of the House

Armed Services Committee compiled

a record of which he can be proud.

He began the daunting process of reshaping America's military forces

for the post-Cold War world. And he

dealt successfully, and courageously, with a triad of social problems —

gays in the military, women in com-bat and the Tailhook scandal — that

demanded wise policy judgments and

Bill Clinton's choice as secretary of

defense was greeted warmly at the time by people who understood that

the transition from the Cold War

posed immense intellectual as well as

institutional and political problems.

What kind of military, to support

what kind of foreign policy, would

the United States require after the

collarse of the Soviet Union? How

should U.S. forces be organized and

great political skill.

-often made worse by the president

year as secretary of defense

By Carter Brandon and Ramesh Ramankutty

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By Richard Perle

thresholds for a large number of pollutants and poisons are exceeded in increasingly large geographic areas.

These costs would be 10 to 40 percent higher if wasted vehicle fuel and productive time lost in Asia's notori-

ous traffic jams were included. Water pollution in Asian cities is largely caused by domestic sewage but is compounded by industrial wastes. Contamination of available water is a major health threat. Comprehensive water resource management will be one of the most difficult issues in Asia in coming years. Such an approach must encompass all demands dustrial and agricultural as well as

urban -- on water resources.

The health and welfare impacts of urban water pollution have to be tackled on two fronts; provision of safe water supply and reduction of effluents. Although the public sector is expected to continue to play an

how should those threats be defined?

which Les Aspin, with two decades of

defense experience in Congress and a

subtle, inquiring mind, was perhaps

uniquely equipped to sort through. He brought a first-rate team to the Penta-

gon, men like John Deutch from MIT, Bill Perry from industry. Frank

Wisner from the State Department.
After several months of intense

work, Mr. Aspin completed a thor-

ough "bottom-up" review of Ameri-ca's defense mission, forces and bud-

get. It received wide support in Congress and among experts for its

comprehensiveness and intelligence.

It was and remains a serious blue-

print for the mission and structure of

America's armed forces. With the review in hand, Mr. Aspin fought, rath-

er too vigorously for the White House.

As secretary of defense, he was criti-

cized for the administration's policy failures in Bosnia, Somalia and Haiti.

In Bosnia, the administration has suc-

cumbed to a shameful fecklessness in

the face of imspeakable crimes against

for the budget to implement it.

These were understood to be issues

ment and disposal, it is important to encourage private sector and community participation. To provide the ssary incentives for the private sector, water and sewage tariffs may have to be raised. Such moves are

already starting in Asia.

Urban air pollution in a number of Asian cities is at critical levels. According to studies by the World Health Organization, 12 of the 15 cities with the highest levels of particles in the atmosphere, and six of the cities with the highest levels of sulfur dioxide, are in Asia.

Of the seven cities in the world with the worst air pollution, five are in Asia — Beijing, Calcutta, Jakarta, New Delhi and Shenyang. Levels of particles in the atmosphere, the air pollution that has the most serious impact on public health, are rising in almost all Asian cities.

Urban transport is the main cause of air pollution in most tropical and

Mr. Clinton said he would during the

campaign) was the president's own, aided by Secretary of State Warren

Christopher's incompetent European diplomacy. The Haiti debacke was also the president's, with a little help from

(Mr. Aspin's private view on both Bosnia and Haiti was closer to that of

the critics in Congress than that of the policymakers in the White House

and the State Department, but he

kept it to himself, as any self-respect-

Only with respect to Somalia is it fair to criticize him, although the criti-

cism often confuses the root cause of

the failure (Americans were there for

the wrong reason) with the military

means employed to implement an un-sound policy. His decision not to drive

deeper into the Somalia quagmire by sending in heavy armor had some un-

intended consequences to be sure. But, unlike his detractors, whose talent for

shifting blame is undeniable, he ac-

cepted responsibility — far more than was justified — for administration

mistakes in Somalia.

ing cabinet officer would.)

his friends on the Hill.

subtropical Asian cities. The number of vehicles on the roads in many Asian cities is doubling every seven years. A large proportion have highpollution two-stroke and diesel en-gines. Moreover, fuels in Asia are among the dirtiest in the world. Levels of sulfur in diesel fuel and lead in

gasoline are especially high.
Investment in unleaded fuels, taxes
on leaded fuels and tightened standards for vehicles are among the most important and cost-effective shortterm changes needed to reduce emissions from urban transport. Low-cost responses to congestion include traffic management, bus lanes and demand

management such as parking fees, staggered office hours and carpooling.
However, without alternatives to:
private vehicles, higher taxes and traffic management will simply make transit more costly but not much less congested. In East Asia, capital-in-tensive investments in public trans-port are becoming increasingly viable as incomes rise and traffic jams grow.

tems require removal of subsidies and the definition of clear standards. This must be followed by a combination of incentives, regulations and monitoring activities to enforce the stan-dards. This is an enormous challenge. quire additional public resources and technologies. They are common treat-ment facilities for small and medium industries that cannot afford their own equipment and facilities for treating and disposing of toxic and hazardous

wastes. Failure to act in these two areas will lead to higher costs in future. It is easier to clean up industrial pollution in a growing economy than in a stagnant one. Higher growth allows for more rapid turnover of aging technology, quicker restructuring of industry and its product mix, greater opportunities for attracting foreign

irmers and technology, and higher public revenues. Environmental lending in Asia by the World Bank alone will probably amount to about \$1.2 billion amually over the next few years, double the level of the early 1990s. However, much more money and expertise is needed to achieve sustainable economic growth in better harmony with the environment. The additional resources will have to come from other foreign donors, governments in the region and the private sector.

The environment in Asia is one of the greatest development challenges in the world today. The reason is not only the complexity of the environ-mental issues but also the complex linkages between growth, population. poverty and the environme

Asia has already shown that economic growth can reduce the rate of population increase and the incidence of poverty. However, to sustain the economic gains made in recent years, greater priority must be given to developing sound environmental policies and the public and private institutious capable of applying them.

contributed this comment to the Inter-national Herald Tribune.

Congratulations Are Due

event merit headlines? Simple. She is 59.

True, her children came into this world by a somewhat circuitous route. Eggs donated by a younger woman were fertilized by the older woman's 45-year-old husband and implanted in her at a Rome fertility clinic. But in-vitro fertilization and donor eggs are, if not yet commonplace, not unusual in the wonderful new world of obstetrics. Once again, then, why the headlines? Simple. She is 59, Fifty-nine is, of course, a rare age to em-

bark on motherhood. But it is not a rare age to embark on fatherhood. Fatherhood at 50-plus does not occasion much fuss unless the new dad is, say, 60-plus and famous besides. Then the headlines read "What a Guy!" But this woman in England - you would think she had done something terrible.

"Women do not have the right to have a child," Virginia Bottomley. Britain's minister of health, snapped. "The child has a right to a suitable home." What makes her believe that too often the contrary is the case. And how would the minister define the homes in which parentless children are raised by grandmothers? Are they, ipso facto, unsuitable?

There is a strong case that Britain's National Health Service should not have to pay for in-vitro procedures in older women; such procedures, expensive and chancy at best are even more so when the patient is post-menopausal. This new mother of twins, however, paid for her treatment herself.

Even so, finding a physician was difficult. She went to Rome because she was rebuffed doctors in London who said she was too old for the emotional stress.

hard to imagine many women wanting to undertake it at 59. But if they do, and if they can, then why not say to them what is said to 59-year-old fathers? "Congratulations, good luck - and good baby-sitters."

Motherhood is difficult at any age, and it is

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

More Hypocrisy on Bosnia?

Throughout the Baikan conflict, the fate of Bosma has hung on the survival spirit of Sarajevo. As long as it stood against the tightening strangulation of its Serbian besiegers, it remained symbolic of Bosnian nationhood. However. Bosnia is unlikely to be able to fake its existence through the coming year.

The elaborate buck-passing between the United States and Europe over leadership in crisis containment in South-Central Europe finally ended with [Europe in charge], for the first time since World War II. The European Community's creative narrowing of the limits of involvement, which aimed from the outset at plausible deniability -- the ability to deny that the Western allies simply sat back and did

nothing - has very likely exacerbated the conflict. The Western alliance kept itself busy doing next to nothing. A NATO blueprint to roll back the Serbian advance into Bosnia failed to obtain the U.S. complement of half of the required 50,000 troops. A similarly detailed plan for air strikes remains in reserve.

Unhappily for Bosnia, the anxiety of the West has focused on the likelihood of a "domino effect" dragging Greece, Bulgaria, Albania and possibly Turkey into a Balkan conflagration. Human rights principles have been side-stepped for the goal of war prevention. Bosnia's fall could spark the tinderbox of the Balkans. and provide the most belligerent ultranationalists with the biggest proof yet of Western malleability on the subject of human rights.

- New Straits Times (Kuala Lumpur).



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He had more than his share of funded to cope with new threats, and humanity. But the failure to act (as Enter Inman the Insider, Right at Home

N EW YORK — When President Bill Clinton last month chose Bobby Ray Inman as his next secre-tary of defense, establishment Washington gushed. Politicians and journalists vied in their adjectives for the retired admiral: brilliant. shrewd. masterful. Why the awed response?

Has Mr. Inman shown himself to be another George C. Marshall a former military officer with the vision of a statesman? Is he a Henry Stimson, a great Republican figure who can help bring the country together on issues of war and peace?

No, the most enthusiastic Inman fan would not make such claims. Mr. laman is, rather, what Washington admires most: an inside man, someone who knows the players and how to move them. Over the years he has made friends among politicians and the press; he is a master at massaging those egos. He said it himself at the press conference with the president: "I am an operator."

There is no doubt that he is smart. His congressional briefings, without notes or aides, impressed members on all sides. But there are cuestions, important ones, about his judgment, He was deputy director of central

intelligence in the Reagan administration, under William Casey. When he resigned in March 1982, he got credit for leaving in disgust at Mr. Casey's penchant for freewheeling and often lawless - covers operations. But the real reason was more likely that Mr. Casey, a lone wolf, had out him out of decisions. Just weeks before leaving, at a CIA By Anthony Lewis

press briefing, Mr. Inman produced photographs that he said showed how the Sandmistas were lengthening air-port runways in Nicaragua to accom-modate new Soviet MiG fighters. The briefing was part of the Reagan propaganda campaign for its covert war on Nicaragua. In fact, the Soviet Union did not send MiGs to Nicaragua.

When he left the CIA and went into business, Mr. Inman remained a consultant to the House intelligence committee. He resigned from that role in September 1982 because the committee issued a staff report on U.S. intelligence in Central America that Mr. Inman considered "deeply flawed." So he told a group of retired intelligence officers.

The staff report was extremely deferential to the intelligence commi ty, expressing sympathy for the diffi-culties of collecting intelligence in Central America. But it did offer some criticism. Intelligence officers, it said, had given briefings indicating that Salvadoran guerrilla officers had been trained in the Soviet bloc. But when questioned intelligence people with-drew that implication. Under ques-tioning, officials similarly withdrew suggestions that a Washington Post

article on savagery by the Salvadoran military was guernila "propaganda." The report found that U.S. intelligence had not considered right-wing violence in El Salvador a serious sub-

ject for attention. It found that docu-

ments captured when the right-wing

leader Roberto d'Aubuisson was charged with plotting to overthrow the Salvadoran government were not examined. It criticized State Department officials for their dismissal of newspaper reports of a massacre in the village of El Mozote. Mr. Inman

But the staff report's main points have long since been confirmed. Then there is Mr. Inman's role as a proxy director of International Signal and Control. The company's head, James Guerin, is serving a 15-year prison term for illegal military exports to South Africa and for what a federal judge called "the largest fraud ever perpetrated in North America." How could that have escaped the

considered all that "deeply flawed."

attention of a very smart man?
International Signal and Control
made cluster bombs, a terrifying weapon, and sold the technology to 2 Chilean arms manufacturer exported the bombs to Saddam Hussein's Iraq. When James Guerin faced sentencing, Mr. Inman wrote a letter to the judge praising Mr. Gue-

Move from the past to the present. The great challenge facing the Defense Department is to reorder priori-ties after the Cold War. Mr. Inman will almost certainly oppose any reordering — and make it impossible for President Clinton to act.

Mr. Clinton came to Washington as the voice of change. But the Inman nomination and the gushy reaction to it show the power of the status quo inside the Beltway.

The New York Times.

thankless tasks. With Colin Powell, he fashioned a workable solution to the crisis that the president precipitated by the clumsy way he sought to keep a campaign pledge to end discrimina-tion against gays in uniform.

Mr. Aspin worked hard to fashion a compromise that balanced the need to offer greater combat opportunity to women while protecting the combat readiness and efficiency of -like it or not - military institutions with a long, contrary tradition. He brought the Tailhook scandal

to an honorable conclusion while resisting the pressure to end it easily. The Clinton administration's record in foreign and defense policy so far has hardly inspired confidence, either at home or abroad. The president and his political advisers know that

things have not gone well where these matters are concerned, and this had a bearing on Mr. Aspin's departure. But as the president looks at his first year as commander in chief, his uncomprehending stare has nothing to do with deficiencies, real or imagined, at the Pentagon. They have everything to do with the absent leadership of a president whose knowledge of defense matters is only slightly greater than his interest in them, which is zero.

Les Aspin served honorably and well at the Pentagon. He has become, like his distinguished colleague, for-mer Deputy Secretary of State Cliff Wharton, a victim of men who would shift responsibility from themselves to others. That, sadly, is becoming a hall-mark of the Clinton White House.

The writer, a resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, was an assistant secretary of defense from 1981 to 1987. He contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

The writers, economists in the Asia Technical Department of the World Bank, recently prepared a bank discut-sion paper entitled "Toward on Envi-ronmental Strategy for Asia". They contributed this comment to the Inter-

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Raid on Honduras NEW YORK -- War between Nicara-

gua and Honduras has begun. General Policarpo Boulla, leader of the Honduras insurgents, has inveded Honduras from Nicaragua, and has captured the town of Yuscaran, where he has set up a Provisional Government.

1919: Balkans' Future ROME — President Wilson spoke as

follows at a reception given for him by Italian Senators this evening [Jan. 3]:
"The distinguishing fact of this war is that great empires have gone to pieces. and the characteristics of those empires were that they held different people reluctantly together under the co-ercion of force. The great difficulty among such States as those of the Balkans has been that north of them lay disturbed populations which were held together, not by sympathy and friendship, but by the coercive force of a military power. Now the bonds are broken. We are going to provide a

new cement to hold these peoples together. It is not our privilege to say what sort of government they should set up, but we are friends, and it is our duty as their friends to see to it that some kind of protection is thrown around them. Our task at Paris is to see to it that all the mere forces that make for right and justice and liberty are given a vital organization to which the people of the world will readily respond. We know there cannot be another balance of power. That has been tried and found wanting. There must be something su thing must be a League of Nations.

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A Subtler Violence

Regarding the report "Hollywood Puzzler: The Debate Intensifies, but Violence Still Sells" (Dec. 29) by Bernard Weinraub:

dealt with murder in his films, but the violence was suggested, not de-piered graphically. "Psycho" is no less frightening for not actually showing the weapon plunging into flesh. We are left with our fear,

fred Hitchcock Presents," a woman clubs her husband to death with a frozen leg of lamb. The blust instrument uses above the victim's mesuspecting head, then comes down with force, but at the moment of impact the scene shifts to the body collapsing to the carpet. The doctor's description of the smashed skull, which we hear later, is enough. We don't need to see it.

a lesson from Mr. Hitchcock whose epilogues also point out that the criminal is eventually caught T. BOWLER

Blood on the Streets

dent John Kennedy, legislation was passed to ban mail-order sales of firearms. Since then, the rattle of small-arms fire on America's

small-arms tire on American streets has steadily worsened.

The latest gim-control legislation, the Brady bill, is a very small Band-Aid applied to a very large, festering sore, itself a symptom of a profound American malady. The bill is simply the reconstruction of a male construction of a male construction. the manifestation of weak congres-Sional imagination.



evidenced an administration inepti-

The Clinton administration re-

fuses to contemplate the horrors of

the Bosnian affair, resorting to the hypocrisy that leadership in the

matter has been ceded to Western

Europe. Western Europe is itself mired in what one French diplo-mat calls "the sinister circus" of

providing humanitarian aid that

lacilitates conquest and atrocity.

of ex-Communist Europe consists of an act of faith in Boris Yelisin.

This personalization of American

foreign relations is in the worst

national tradition. Franklin Roosevelt's foreign policy was defined by his admiration for Winston Churchill, his misplaced confi-

dence that he would "handle" Sta-

From history's perspective, the mid-

1990s are likely to be regarded as critical in shaping a new epoch.

Deng Xiaoping, China's para-mount leader, will defy the odds if

he survives the year. His passing

Washington's policy for the rest

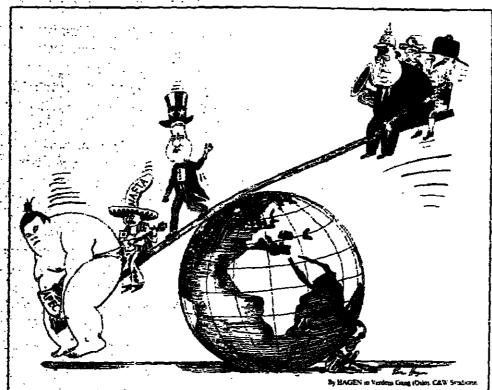
PARIS—The United States en- General Charles De Gardle, who ters the new year with a justi- declined to be patronized.

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prospect but no reason at all to ship with Leonid Brezhnev gave believe that a good year is ahead in its international relations. The Sohim membership in "the most ex-clusive chib in the world," malian and Haitism fiascoes have. And Henry Kissinger became fascinated with the "gracious and brilliant" Chou En-lai. Hence Chitude in foreign policy which its approach to the forthcoming NATO summit meeting confirms. na's subsequent success in playing the Nixon administration against the Soviet Union.

The Clinton administration's policy is based upon the anticipated re-creation of an essentially bipolar Europe, in which a future Russia will play a stabilizing role. It conceives itself to be collaborating with Boris Yelisin to create this Russia. An unqualified commitment to Mr. Yelisin is seen as a necessary counterpart to Mr. Yestsin's commitment to an American conception of democratic and

capitalist reform.
The American reform model has until now produced a great deal of public misery in the former Soviet Union, with limited and iragile



Gorbachev before him, and Mr. the best one. Even if he is, he is not Gurbachev changed the history of his country for the better, which positive result.

This is extremely dangerous. Mr.

Weltsin has yet to do. He is not the only potential leader of Russia the only potential leader of that he is in, his avuncular patronage of Yeltsin is unquestionably an imthe only potential leader of Russia
Chiang Kai-shek, and his dislike of pressive figure, but so was Mikhail today, nor do we know that he is

and Jordan are likely in 1994.

politan" capitalism. The record of unsuccessful Prepare for a Year of Bloody Challenges

THIS YEAR could be the unexpected. The rise of the ultra-bloodiest and most frustrating period of the post-Cold War world.

unexpected. The rise of the ultra-nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky mans and Israelis and between Pales-im Russian elections last month, for South African blacks and whites. example, ensures that states on bode well in other areas. Barring the Russia's periphery will increasing unexpected, Israeli pacts with Syria unexpected, Israeli pacts with Syria Yet peace opens up as many issues as it resolves. Ending the Arab-Israeli conflict, for example,

But the democracy movement is not being derailed. Too many people now know their rights to allow a long-term reversal. The biggest cy toward Russia, might profitably reflect upon. challenge of the year will thus be helping democracy overcome the obstacles and take permanent hold —so 1995 will be better.

Robin Wright, commenting in the Los Angeles Times. helped by America's sponsorship when the nationalists' charge against him is that he is selling his country to American imperialists, German revanchists and "cosmo-

American nominees for power in other countries includes not only Chiang Kai-shek and France's hapless General Henri Girand, but Ngo Dinh Diem, Nguyen Van Thieu and Nguyen Cao Ky in Viet-nam, Lon Noi in Cambodia (in order to cast Prince Sihanouk), Joseph Mobutu in Zaire, the late shah of Iran, Greece's cabal of colonels in 1967, Jonas Savimbi in Angola, and a series of Latin American dictators memorably characterized by Franklin Roosevelt as each being "an SOB, but our SOB," It is a list which Mr. Clinton's newly appointed deputy secre-tary of State, Strobe Talbott, author of the Clinton administration's poli-

A consequence of American pol-icy is that Russia is being allowed to dictate American security policy toward Russia's former victims in Eastern Europe, who want security assurances from NATO. Washington will not give these assurances because Russia objects, and be-cause the administration calculates that Mr. Yeltsin might be weakened were the United States and its allies to guarantee the newfound independence of the former victims of Soviet aggression.

The result, predictably, is soaring anxiety in Eastern Europe, a defensive nationalism and provocative policymaking there, together with strengthened nationalists in Russia as Russia's nationalists find they are exercising an effective veto over Washington's policies.

The foreign policy legacy of this administration is chiefly that of the Carter administration, in which both Mr. Clinton's secretary of state and his national security adviser served. Mr. Carter's foreign policy was

marked by abundant goodwill but an unfortunate overconfidence in the goodwill of others. It displayed little grasp of the force of cultural differences or the clash of geopolitical and ideological motivation. The Carter government's qualities produced the success of the Camp David agreement and the disaster of Washington's response to the Iranian hostage crisis. Mr. Carter understood Ameri-

Just Not a Hollywood Subject

حكذامن الأحل

NEW YORK - Negative words about "Schindler's List." Steven Spielberg's Holecaust makes are serioused in polite company. Everyone from the movie critics to President Bill Clinton has called it a masterpiece, with some enthusiasts.

MEANWHILE

pointedly reassuring readers that, at 3 hours 16 minutes, the film is not a moment too long.
"Schindler's List" is the culture's new Mossiah: the antidote to the terrifying policiest year by the Roper Organization in which 12 percent of the American pubhe expressed doubt that the Naziextermination of the Jeas actual-

ly bappened. Sowny, Lasked myself, did this particular American lew find the film more often numbing than moving? And Ab. am I skeptical that Helocaust ignoramuses will see it let alone be swaved by it? The problem is not that the

can sin and American sinners, but was out of his depth confronting the visionary fanaticism that emerged in the Islamic world during the 1970s. The nationalist fanaticism and

paraneta loose in the Belkans to-day seem equally beyond the range if intellectual response among the Ciston administration's foreign policy people. They seem not to see voltics, power, aggression and personal ambition in Balkan war. but mere eruption of medieval (anationsm, interevant to Washington man (c) Arkansas womani. That Balkan war nonetheless will have consequences for America's future they seem not to see. Their attention is on Mescow.

However. Moscow's immediate luture is ceeply uncertain. American and Western interests, and East European as well as Russian stability, are best served by stating clearly what America's interests are today, and taking steps to as-sure them, while doing whatever a friendly power can do to help reform in Russia - which may prove to be sot all that much, Reform in Russia will be produced by Russians, not Americans.

International Herald Tribune.

By Frank Rich

an inept, insincere or vulgar film. "Schindler's List" is not "The Color Yellow: Its only fabulously cheesy scene is a finale in which the

nghteous German war profiteer Oskar Schindler (played by Liam Necson) gives a sentimental speech to the Jewish factory workers he saved, and they look up at him awestruck, as if he were the levitating mother ship in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

Other sequences are stunning. especially the hornfic passages of hand-held, pseudo-documentary camera work that depict the liquidation of the Krakow ghetto and the gas chambers at Auschwitz

But if such atrocities are made exceptionally vivid by the direcemotional power is muted by the anonymity of the film's Jews. Mr. Spielberg has found hundreds of souls are skin-deep.

The only major Jewish character in the script. Mr. Schindler's accountant (Ben Kingslev), 15 a type — "king of the Jewish wimps." as one of the movie's wrapping the movie and the Holocaust in a near, uplifting Hollywood ending that allows every-wimps." as one of the movie's few tough critics, Hene Rosenzweig of the Jewish newspaper The Forward has put it.

the human dinosaur fodder of caust in the world's memory. "Jurassic Park,"

They blur into abstraction, be-coming another depersonalized come of age as a Jew, he may get a Oskar Schindler is also presented as a psychological blank, no won- unjustly been denied. with the movie.

I cried at Mr. Spielberg's extras, the 6 million dead. graphic depiction of genocide anyway. Weaker Holocaust dramatizations than this have pushed my buttons. Like anyone who is Jewish. knows Jews or for 13 years, begins a regular simply knows history. I can flesh op-ed column for The Times with out the human ciphers in this contribution. He will provide "Schindler's List" with characters and associations of my own.

of the large and, I imagine, heavily Jewish audiences who have talented Mr. Spielberg has made made the movie a hit so far, in major American cities where remedial education about the Holocaust is less needed than any place this side of Israel.

But what will happen when "Schindler's List" is released in the great American malls, not to mention other countries, where Jews are sparse? Will teenagers check it out? Will audiences who have never heard of "Shoah" or "Евгора, Евгора"?

They might do so more readily if Mr. Spielberg's movie were not so self-indulgently long - by a good hour. (This same syndrome afflicted Spike Lee's "Malcolm X." which ended up preaching mainly to the converted.)

The film might also more effectively draw indifferent audiences into its historical nightmare if the Jews on screen were for a cinematic brilliance, their as individual and intimately dramatized as Anne Frank or even Meryl Streep's Sophie.

What is most worrisome about evocative faces to populate his the wild overpraise of simulated Holocaust, but their "Schindler's List" is the complacency it invites. The hype is already taking on a life of its own.

As this comforting litany has it, some 1,100 Jews on Mr. Schindler's list did survive, after The others, who have the ge- all: the Nazi sadist did get his neric feel of composites, are as just deserts: Mr. Schindler's heforgettable as the chorus in a roic example may inspire others touring company of "Fiddler on to resist future Nazis; a hit movie the Roof," or, for that matter, will eternally preserve the Holo-

And there is a happy ending statistic of mass death. Since prize greater than a fountain pen - the Oscar he has so long and

der the unhinged Nazi comman-dant (Ralph Fiennes) runs away

"Schindler's List" is good news
for everyone, it seems, except for its shadowy and often nameless

> The writer, who was The New York Times's chief drama critic

ism is being tested by painful eco-nomic reforms, crime and will offer a pretext for change, eliminates the defining issue for several Arab leaders. Rather than or new demands for it, in the comption. The annual inflation world's last empire. In Algeria, Muslim resistance is stability, peace may usher in greater short-term instability.

last year hit 2,500 percent, as free markets belped widen the enormous becoming the kind of landmark for gap between rich and poor. the broader Islamic movement that Second, demands for greater participation will often contribute the legendary battle of Algiers was to Third World independence. as much to dismembering states as to changing them within. But disin-And upheaval seems mayoid-

ly be flash points.

In Brazil, as in many new democ-racies, the people's faith in phiral-

able in Zaire, where the currency tegration is less likely to be along has fallen from 300 to the dollar in neat, predetermined borders, as 1990 to more than 100 million to when the 15 Soviet republics bethe dollar last month. Human-came 15 independent states in rights abuses are reportedly the 1991. Redrawing the world map will often be messier. The coming year's place in histo-ry is likely to be judged by overall rick to Southeast Asia, attempting Third, countries from North Afto forestall greater participation will also be flash points in 1994.

progress on democracy—a trend now in serious trouble. Besides Algeria, crises are looming in states from Egypt to Tajikistan, where lalam appears to be a popu-Democracy is failing to penetrate deep enough into either state apparatuses or societies. Threats will play out on several fronts. The lar alternative but governments are balking rather than accommodatfirst is in elections, where the re-

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DOUGLAS G. TURNER.

Cambronne-les-Ribecourt,

not be infringed," and that the Founding Fathers intended guns to be available to all.

Nonsense! This quote must be the most misunderstood clause of the constitution. Consider the full

text of the Second Amendment:
"A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free

state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." In other words, the states have the right to maintain an

semed police force independent of

federal authority.
Throughout the constitution, the

term "people" is used in the sense of

a collective emity or a community of interest (as in "We the peo-

There is no place for handguns

JOHN ZALEWSKL

Antony, France.

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MALCOLM K. TRONIC

Zaragoza, Spam.

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ness is simple — it seems obvious that people in possession of a rich and full education would be un-

increasingly uneven — often bring . Finally, democracy's progress is ing to power the undesirable of the affected by peace in unusual ways.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Arms and the Czechs

worst since the 1960s civil war.

Regarding "Are They Helping Iran Go Nuclear?" (Opinion, Dec. 28) by William Safire:

likely to take action detrimental to Mr. Safire's scaremongering arthemselves or others. ticle, resurrecting old ghosts of the Communist past as it does, is unbe-coming. The Czech Republic, since gaining freedom in 1989, is well I am tired of hearing of the carnage that afflicts America. The
program lobby moves tires of reminding as that the U.S. Constitution says that the right of the
people to keep and bear arms shall aware of its moral and other re-sponsibilities to the international community; there is no need for it to be remeded.

to be reminded.

The whole matter of the export of arms from the Czech Republic, including muclear technology, is well and openly documented. Our policy is clear and accepted by the international community. Ar effective and property legislative. fective and proven legislative-framework is in place to monitor and control such trade.

Mr. Safire should also know that

since 1990 the explosive Semiex, which has many valid industrial applications, has been successfully reformulated for ease of detection.

Alfred Hitchcock frequently without becoming jaded or having our blood-lost simulated. In one story from the series "Al-

Rene Wadlow and David Littman (Letters, Dec. 21) list only France, Switzerland and Sweden as having taken legal measures against female genital mutilation. In the British Parliament we, 100, legislated to ban it, in the Prohibition of Female Circumcision Act of 1985. WAYLAND KENNET. House of Lords London.

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Toulouse, France.

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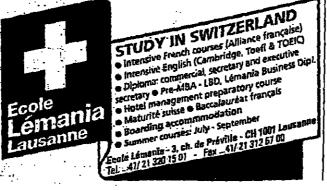
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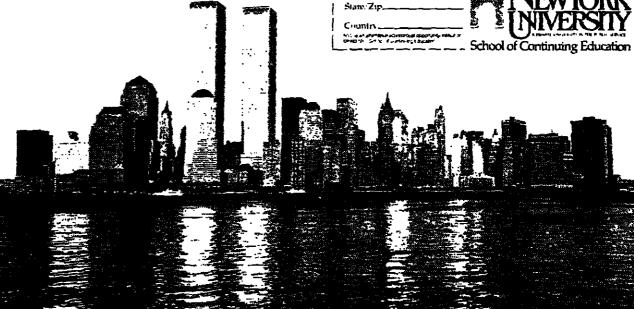
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Ulster Conflict Hits A Semantic Barrier At 'Demilitarize'

By Eugene Robinson

Washington Post Service
LONDON — The search for an end to the war in Northern Ireland became a matter of semantics Monday, with important players on all sides trying to clear themselves some rhetorical room for maneuver within the confines of a joint British-Irish peace initiative launched three weeks ago.

Chiefly at issue was a call by Prime Minister Albert Reynolds of Ireland for the "demilitarization" of the conflict, and for both the British and Irish governments to become "persuaders" in advocating a new agreement.

Those are words used frequently by the outlawed Irish Republican Army, which has fought for nearly 25 years to drive the British out of Northern Ireland. Mr. Reynolds's comments were seen as an attempt to offer further inducement to the IRA to end its violent campaign and accept the invitation to the bargaining table.

Moderate loyalists, who want Northern Ireland to remain part of Britain, reacted by accusing Mr. Reynolds of trying to drag the en-tire peace process closer to the IRA's position. Hard-line loyalists said the remarks confirmed that the whole initiative was a sellout.

Earlier, a senior official of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political arm, took an uncompromising stance, saying that anything short of a decision by Britian to pull out of Northern Ireland would be unacceptable. And Prime Minister John Major of Britain said he would "be patient for a little while" in awaiting the IRA's response, but added that if the group rejected the peace initiative would face near-total isolation.

The subject of all the verbal warfare is the joint declaration issued Dec. 15 by Mr. Major and Mr. Reynolds, in which they invited Sinn Fein to participate in preliminary talks about Northern Ireland's future within three months if the IRA lays down its arms.

Britain agreed not to stand in the way if the people of Northern Ireland want to join the Irish Repub-lic, while the republic agreed there could be no change without the consent of the loyalist majority.

The IRA has not yet issued a definitive response to the offer, but peatedly hinted that more concessions will be needed to convince the IRA's "volunteers" to give up their bullets and bombs.

In a statement issued Sunday night, Mr. Reynolds seemed to be trying to sweeten the pot.

The time has come to start a

process of demilitarization of the northern conflict," he said, adding that the declaration anticipates both governments' becoming "per-

suaders" of public opinion.

The IRA uses the term "demilitarization" to describe one of its most cherished goals - a British pullout of its more than 17,000 troops in the province.

Britain has consistently refused to discuss troop withdrawals until a permanent cease-fire has been achieved, and Mr. Major takes the position that the British government will not seek to persuade loyalists of anything.

David Trimble, a member of

Parliament from the moderate Ulster Unionist Party, accused Mr. Reynolds of "trying to pull the dec-laration closer to the IRA position" and of "going beyond it."



A Somali woman walking through the gate of the UN compound in Mogadishu on Monday as Turkish soldiers stand guard.

2 UN Aid Groups Abandon Mogadishu Offices

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Two Umted Nations aid agencies evacuated their Mogadishu offices Monday after a wave of new attacks on humanitarian groups throughout

Employees of the UN Development Program and the UN High Commissioner for

Refugees left their shared compound two days after an unidentified attacker threw a firebomb at a nearby building. An officer for the High Commissioner said the agencies had received further threats but did not elaborate. Elsewhere in the city, machine-gun fire could be heard near the line that divides the competing militias of southern and northern Mogadishu.

Aside from the fire-bombing, which caused no injuries, three gunmen attacked a UN World Food Program compound in Baidoa on Saturday, killing a Somali guard and gravely wounding a Somali driver. Earlier, two Somali aid workers were injured when grenades were thrown into the Baidoa offices of Catholic Relief Services and the Irish humanitarian group Goal Ireland.

PEACE: Palestinian Delegation Urges Arafat to Step Down, and Hussein Accuses Him of Reneging on Promises.

Continued from Page 1 of the minds" between Israel and

the PLO, but Mr. Abbas followed him to the podium to say there were still differences to be ironed out. Egyptian and some Israeli officials say some of those differences are between Mr. Peres and Mr. Rabin. The two have been rivals within the Labor Party for years, and it is known in Israel that the prime minister thinks Mr. Peres is often tempted "to announce successes

and rush to take credit for them. in the words of an Israeli journalist. Still, the primary disagreement cused on what Israelis say was a

written agreement at the end of the Foreign Minister Amr Moussa

Egypt, who attended many of e joint sessions acting as mediator between the two parties, said Sunday: "There was more than one document and more than one paper thrashed out. These were to be put to the leaderships of the two parties for further refinement."

that Mr. Arafat's high-handed manner contributed to the eruption of anger in Israel and to the confusion among his aides. Landing at 4:00 A.M. Thursday in Cairo, show him the result of their efforts, by King Hussein on Saturday to his

"He should have warned them something like this was coming, but he didn't," said one senior Arab diplomat who was involved in the

Mr. Arafat and of the PLO, however, came from King Hussein of Jordan over the weekend.

open in an unusually frank speech

ward Palestinians in general since

The king complained emphatically that Mr. Arafat had repeated- commitment, not words. ly ducked every opportunity to sign

"We have tried and we have Mr. Aralat surprised them with a army officers, a group widely re-new set of demands that transcend-nowned for its deep antipathy to-cannot go on this way," he said. We cannot continue to say there is cooperation where there isn't or that there is agreement where there

King Hussein gave the PLO a

THE ROAD TO SAN

By Italo Calvino. Translated

from Italian by Tim Parks. 150

MODERN Italian literature has never quite recovered

from the untimely deaths of Primo

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By Robert Byrne

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WALESA: Plea to West on NATO

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and London. The situation is very similar today."

participation would be a "major tragedy" that could lead to "another Yugoslavia" in Europe. He said during the Yalta conference. he would make his views known to Bill Clinton when he met the American president in Prague next week following the NATO summit meet-

"My stance will be decisive and because I know we are right." Mr. Walesa said. But if he did not get his way, he added, he would not reject the "Partnership for Peace."

There is nothing to be rejected." he said. "We are too weak and we have to accept almost everything but we don't forecast anything good for this concept." Mr. Waiesa's disapproval of the

West's deliberate pace reflects a widening gap between the dreams and desires of the 60 million people in Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic and the dominant belief among Western leaders that the West — through investment and the limited opening of its markets — has already contributed significantly to easing the rocky transi-

Western leaders contend that Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic should put off their NATO applications because an expansion of the alliance might em-bolden nationalist forces in Russia and facilitate the downfall of President Boris N. Yeltsin. They site the October coup attempt and the sup-port won by the nationalist Vladi-mir V. Zhirinovsky in the Dec. 12 elections as examples of Russia's instability and of the necessity to

avoid provocative moves.

Mr. Walesa and other East European leaders argue just the opposite. The Zhirinovsky phenon and the coup attempt are proof, they say, that NATO needs to ex-pand quickly to send the Russians a clear message that they must abandon whatever dreams they have of controlling Eastern Eu-

Mr. Zhirinovsky's comments that Russia and Germany should share a common border sent shivthe once-powerful Executive Com-mittee of the PLO have resigned to pulsion of the Russian military attaché for stealing Polish secrets has

pt cronies of Mr. Arafat. West in its prudence was falling Many former close associates into the hands of Russian politisuch Mr. Abdel-Shafi and Hanan cians who were playing the ⁶Zhir-Ashrawi, the spokeswoman for the inovsky card" to sideline NATO expansion and thus re-establish Russian leverage in Eastern EuTwo factors contribute to the deepness of Mr. Walesa's convic-

on his country's quest for NATO membership, Mr. Walesa said the refusal of the West to issue a clear road map and timerable for NATO. the West sold Eastern Europe down the river in 1939 by failing to respond strongly enough to the Nazi invasion and again in 1945

> Such waffling is occurring again, he asserted.
> Secondly, while many Western officials believe that the specter of communism no longer haunts Farope, Mr. Walesa passionately disagrees. Without an acceleration of the pace of Eastern Europe's economic and military integration with the West, he warned, a bastardized communism will emerge. relegating the region to years of nstability and poverty.

"Isn't Zhirinovsky an evil?" he said. "Isn't that evil a sufficient example. Isn't the victory of the ex-Communists in Poland an example? The next example won't be as

KOREA: Is a Deal Near?

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man of the committee of loreign affairs in the Supreme People's As-sembly is, like Kim Yong Sun, believed to be close to Kim Il Sung's son and heir-apparent. Kim Jong

There were some indications on Monday that the agreement could be less than Washington and the international community has

Kim Il Sung said Sanarday his country agreed to a joint statement with Washington paving the way for the nuclear dispute between them to be "settled fairly." He did not spell out details. But in a later announcement, North Korea's Foreign Ministry suggested international monitors would only be permitted into the country's seven declared nuclear sites for one-time inspections. The announcement said North Korea refused to allow the kind of regular visits by the UN agency required by the treaty. It did not further describe the kind of

spections it had agreed to. The senior American official who commented on Monday did not discuss details of the deal with North Kores, but indicated the Pyongyang announcement reflect-ed the essence of the agreement. "We define progress the way we always have - establishing the continuity of safeguards and resuming the North-South dialogue on denuclearization" of the Korean

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But even these disputes were overwhelmed by the growing revolt former self, casting serious doubt

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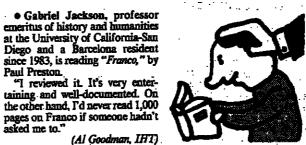
such Mr. Abdel-Shafi and Hanan Palestinian delegation in Madrid, have broken with the PLO chair-

BOOKS

since 1983, is reading "Franco," by Paul Preston.
"I reviewed it. It's very entertaining and well-documented. On the other hand, I'd never read 1,000

pages on Franco if someone hadn't asked me to."

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he called them. To say it generous-ly: Even a decidedly minor work

reach and inspire us to read or reread his important books. You can trace the origins of Calvino's major works in some of these exercises. Stylistically, they fall be-tween fact and fiction; put another way, they are autobiographical

tales of the Latin American writers. touches. perhaps because he was born in In a brief note, his wife, Esther Calvino, says that all the exercises were written between 1962 and If a serious author's work conveys an original vision, we cherish 1977. Calvino, who was born in 1923 and died in 1985, was one of every scrap of his ocuvre, including posthumously published frag-ments. Calvino's "Road to San Giovanni" is a modest book made the most daring European writers, but in these pieces he seems to be straining to create an original from five "memory exercises," as storytelling style.

He informs the reader that he wants to include only what his such as this one can belp to expand mind has retained of events, avoidour understanding of a writer's ing research, omitting animportant details, challenging his own memory. It doesn't always work.

Like several other anti-Fascist authors. Calvino was a partisan in a Garibad Brigade in northern Italy during World War II. In "Memo-ries of a Battle," he recalls the chaos of an encounter with the enemy. He had been assigned to carry a fragments written with novelistic box of machine-gun aumomition along a steep mountain path, and what he remembers primarily is the box banging against his back as he slipped and slid toward an enemy-held village below the mountain.

His unit hit and ran; three partisans died in the encounter. Was the battle won or lost? He writes,

"Memories of what I didn't see in the battle take on a more precise order and sense than what I really experienced."

Standing alone, the fragment is too self-conscious; we sense a writer writing instead of narrating. For a more rounded picture of partisan activity during the war, the reader can turn to Calvino's own "Path to the Nest of Spiders," the novella that established his reputation.

The most charming memory in this book is "A Cinema-Goer's Autobiography," a straightforward account of the author's adolescence, when he went to the movies in San Remo, his hometown, once and sometimes twice a day between 1936 and the beginning of the war.

The story bears a strong resemblance to Guseppe Tornatore's "Cinema Paradiso," the movie about a young boy and the projec-tionist in a Sicilian town, which won the Academy Award for best foreign film. In prewar Italy, theaters didn't

change films too often, especially if the films were American; movie fans memorized everything from "Lives of a Bengal Lancer" to "Mutiny on the Bounty." Calvino remembers
Myrna Loy, William Powell, Fred
Astaire, Ginger Rogers and Clark
Gable without a moustache. It would be hard to overestimate

the influence of American films on literature, in Europe as well as in the United States. In an aside, Cal-vino says that Federico Fellini urged him to write "A Cinema-Goer's Autobiography."

The title story in the book is a memory of the author's father, an agronomist, taking the road from his home to San Giovanni every morning to supervise his workers and farm his estate.

presence of his plants; the sur is a dreamer who will eventually become Italo. Calvino, author. They find it difficult to communicate: To my father's mind, words must serve as confirmations of things, and as signs of possession; to mine they were foretastes of things barely ministed, not possessed, presumed."

In "The Road to San Giorge there are soming passages stout nature, family relationships reside foolish world inhabited by earth-lines—that foretall and to the foolish world inhabited by earthlings — that foretell one of Carono's masterworks. The Baron in the Trees."

That novel is the perfect with duction to Calvino's later firther, far more so than the "memory case" in this tantalizing bodies

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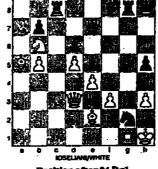
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As in Game 3 and 5, loseliani
chose the Classical Variation and Jun developed with 7...nc6, which puts pressure on White to resolve the center tension because of the threatened 8...ed 9 Nd4 Ne4!. The advance, 8 d5, yields White elbow

queen's flank; Black starts his king's-flank counterplay with When Jun played...c6 in Game 3. and if 31...Qg7, then 32 Ra2. In-loseliani opened the center with dc, stead, loseliani pressed her own atbut that gave Jun good piece play after ... Nc6. This time, after 15 Khil Nf6 16 Nb3, Ioseliani kept to the

basic plan of working on the c file. Each side continued its standard strategy, Jun sacrificing a pawn with 25...g3!" to gain open lines against the king after 26 bg?! fg 27 Bg3 h4 28 Bf2 Nh5 and Ioseliani sealing off her king with 26 Nc8 Rc8 27 Ba5 Qe7 28 h3.

After 30...Nh4, loseliani under-estimated the enormous firepower Bf1 Nf4 42 Ke3 Qg1 43 Kd2 Qd4



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Position after 34 Rg1

Jun had leveled at her king. It was necessary for White to bolster her king position further with 31 Bf1, and if 31...Qg7, then 32 Ra2. Intack with 31 Nb6? and was struck by the smashing blow 31...Nh3!, threatening 32...Nf2 mate.

threatening 32...NI2 mate.
On 31 gh g2, it would have been useless to play 32. Kh2 because 32...Qp5 33 Rgd1 (33 Bel? walks into 33...Qp3! 34 Bg3 fg mate) Qg3 34 Kg1 Qh2! 37 Kel (37 Rg1? allows Qg3 Lg2 Sg Kd2 Qh2! 37 Rg1? allows Qg3 Lg2 Sg Kd2 Qh2! 57 Kg1 Qh2 fs mate) g1/Q 38 Kd2 Qe3 39 Qe3 fe

44 Kc2 Oc5 45 Kb2 Qc8 wins the queen for only a rook. So Ioseliani defended by 32 Rg2 Ng2 33 Rg1. She knew that 33 Nc8? would have been futile in view of and farm his estate.

33. Qh4. But Jun blasted this de . The father comes alive only in the fense with 34...Rcl! The resource

with 35 Bflf would collapse against 35...Qh4! 36 Bg2 Rg2! 37 Kg2 Qg3 38 Kh1 Qg1 mate. Morevoer, 35 Bd1 Ne3 36 Rg8 (36 Re!? is demolished by 36...Qh4 37 Qe2 Nd1) Kg8 wins the d1 bishop.

Accordingly, Ioseliani took the sacrificed rook with 35 Re1, but 35 Ch4 36 Bfl Ob3 37 Ke1 Nel 38 35...Qb4 36 Bf1 Qh3 37 Kg1 Nc1 38 Kf2 Qg3 39 Ke2 Nd3 40 Kd3 Qf3 left her with only two minor pieces

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Paper Magazine Turns 10, but Won't Grow Up

It Stays on Cutting Edge Of Fashion in New York

By Amy M. Spindler
New York Times Service

EW YORK — In the 10 years since Paper Maga-zine first appeared, New York's tidy pop culture

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To The Table

The melting-pot era of Studio 54, when everyone waited behind the velvet ropes together, evolved into a city tethered by velvet ropes of the imaginary kind. First, rap culture emerged; then, hip-hop and rave. The 60s were revived, then the 70s, and from the ashes of 1980s decadence arose Generation X, a group of young network television dropouts who didn't buy the traditional marketing methods used by maga-

zines and advertising agencies.
From the start, Paper's independent, unpredictable approach to covering the arts, clubs, music and style has appealed to a young andience suspicious of the corporate world That pull, it seems, is still strong today. There is this reaction in Generation X against synthesizing Corporate America and amificiality," said Kim Hastreiter, who has shared the titles of editor and publisher with David Hershkovits since the magazine's inception. "Pa-

since the magazine's inception. "Paper," she said "is not synthetic."

Of the younger generation. Hershkovits said, "We understand their music, their style, their poppolities, their whole aesthetic and their rejection of this mainstream culture right now."

That dedication to the fringe is why Paper can read like the musings of a restless, insomniae mind. Paper, its pages say, never sleeps. It might also help explain why Paper, with a monthly circulation of 50,000, has become an influential insider in croative industries like fashion.

"Paper has been incredible in picking up trends early on in music careers," said Daniel Glass, the president of EMI Records.

N the fashion world, editors at Condé Nast Publications scriptions. "They're the best "Art, music and style were criss Giorgio Armani. Or resource for street helpion news," exossing and that had never hap point Karan. Calvin Klein? said Benny Lin, fashion director of pened before."

Macy's East. They featured Addas Chees in September, and now every lists like Kenny Scharf, Keith Harson of him in a magazine."

So who is Ed Kirko? exyone is doing it. They started hip-hop and rave fashion. They're not only in synch with fashion, but alsowith how music has become part of ey these people made," she said the fashion business, how MIV ait "We started doing concept-style ists affect dress."

Paper has consistently been ahead on style trends. It had a tattooed female model on its May 1987 cover. In June 1986, its cover was on infantile style, a trend in rave clubs today. In June 1987, it featured fashion influenced by Ha sidic dress (and was criticized for it), long before Jean-Paul Gaultier. mined that culture. The April 1985 issue featured misfit proportions, before extra-large hip-hop fashions took off. In November 1990, Naomi Campbell and Isaac Hayes were on the cover for a 70s-style

rector of strategic services for Castle Underwood, an advertising subsidiary of TBWA.

Castle Underwood is negotiating to hire Paper's editors as consultants. "Everyone talks about the curting edge," Parrack said. "Well, the cutting edge is in New York, and they are tracking it instinctive

one editorial direction: a mix. They say the word like a mantra. One page Pucci, one page homeboy. Hershkovits says he intentional

ly finds obsessional fans of the arts to work as Paper's writers, though they are still developing as journalists. I try to find enthusiasts, the people that hang out with the band and hear about things firsthand," he said. Being inside is important

stops. Still, as Erica Spellman-Silverman, a vice president of the William Morris Agency, said, reading Paper "is a lot easier than going out eight nights a week until 3 in the morning to find out who's zooming

"For me," she said, "it's a short-hand. I don't know if they always pick the right people, but if Paper gives their imprimatur to some-body, that's a start for that per-son."

The 10th anniversary issue, on sale now, is called "The Annual Report 1994: Ten Years on the Cutting Edge."

Paper doesn't just try to reduce New York to a manageable small town with a lot of groovy inhabit-ants. It turns the city into a sort of high school for exceptional stu-dents, with all the rah-rah intensity of the class yearbook.

We said from the beginning we're a New York magazine," Has-treiter said, "and we reflect the community: a community of art-

Paper's editors and publishers look the part, in their thick-framed smart-guy glasses. Hastreiter with her cinched ponytail and Hershko-vits with his bald head have both passed 40, and have lived in New York for years. But both exude the indefatigable eagerness of new ar-

fashion and left-leaning politics were born at The Solio News. Haswere own at the sorio News. Hastreiter was the style editor, following Annie Flanders, who left to found Details magazine. Hersikovits was a reporter — "a young Lou Grant," he said — given to writing articles on subjects like his emergence as the first men to also experience as the first man to sleep in the Barbizon Hotel and Sid Vicious's last day in New York.

The art world in New York at that moment was beginning to splinter, and there was a section of it politicizing and crossing over into the style world, then a section vsic," Hastreitz said.

ing and Am Magnuson as writers, stylists and even drivers for The SoHo News. "It was the only monformalism; and it wasn't commercial, but it was wild."

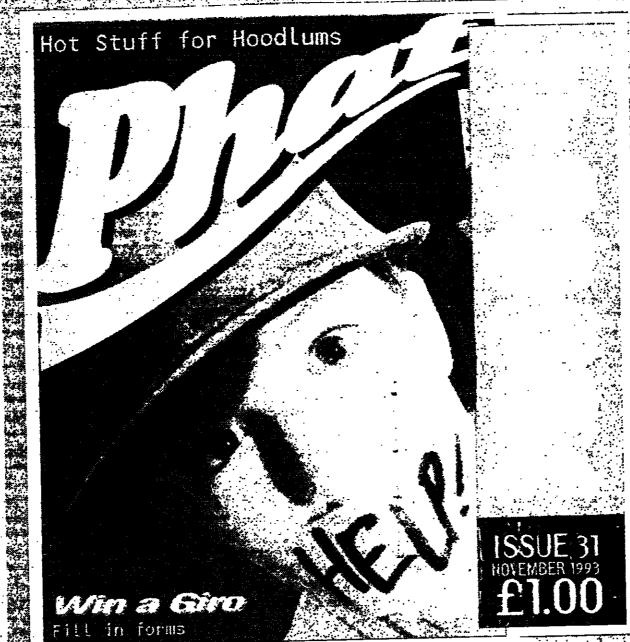
She introduced Haring to Vivienne Westwood, and he made fabrics for her. "I started making these marriages between the art and fashion worlds," she said. THEN The Sollo

News folded in 1981, Hershkovits spent two years looking for financing. Paper Magazine arrived in June 1984, looking, on the our-side at least, as stark as generic canned goods. Its first board of directors included Haring, Robert revival story.

Paper's seeming rejection of corporate values has, naturally, led the Jones and Willi Smith. Within five corporate world to seek its advice. Years, that tabloid, ransom-note wrestling with the Generation X confusion, said Ted Parrack, director of strategic services for Cas went on to wield her X-Acto knife at Allure and Mademoiselle maga-

In its earliest days, Paper's articles were collected from writers by Hershkovits on a baycle, then typeset by friends who worked at other media companies. Now, and they are tracking it instinctive those same guerrilla tactics are ly better than most professional required in the marketing of Paper.

Hershkovits ran for mayor of New York 1992 Throughout, Hastreiter and York in 1993, and Matsuda, an Hershkovits have remained true to advertiser, dressed him for the campaign. The movie "Dazed and Confused" (an advertiser) had its Paper-sponsored premiere and party at Webster Hall (an advertiser) with hat and T-shirt gifts from Fresh Jive (an advertiser). Paper's writers and the people they write about often end up as "celebrines" in advertising campaigns. The magazine now offers Paper Promotions, a marketing service.



Phat and Touch, two of the multitude of new magazines springing up in London, as desktop publishing spreads.

A Shoot-Out at the Clothing Corral

By Lindsey Gruson
New York Times Service

DDAM NECK, Connecticut — Ed Kirko says he's never heard of

He's a 61-year-old clothing designer of sorts, a retired engineering assistant whose fashion training consisted of hunting groundhogs as a boy in the back-woods of his native Pennsylvania. His creations are being called shotgun fashion, although they owe as much to high-powered handguns and rifles as they do to fashion. The clothes are shot full of holes, complete with powder burns. Kirko and his assistant, Peaches Maner. then crown them with spent shells attached with glue and safety pins.

"Australia with its outback and distinctive styles is the model. Kirko says, pulling out a Crocodile Dundee snap-brim hat complete with holes, burns and shells. "But with holes, burns and shells. "But norgans are located," Kirko says.

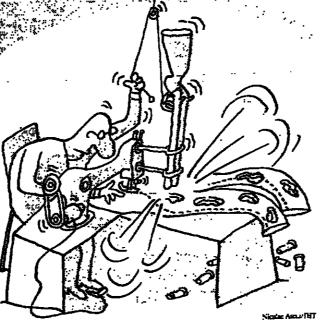
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Borrowing from the marketing the Old West. My clothing has that

So far, at least, the established shion luminaries are in no danger of being eclipsed by his Alligator Ed line. But Kirko has caught the wave that transformed cowboy boots into the preferred footwear of people who have never seen a cow and that raised country music from what he calls a bumpkin's anthem into an Achy Breaky dance craze with its own cable channel.

bars, clothing stores and truck stops - and that he is weighing an offer to export his trademarked line which has never met a frontier fad it doesn't like.

In addition, he receives several personal commissions every week, like this one: "I have marked (x) on both items — shorts and shirt — where I would like the holes — medium to small would be fine. Thanks hole and powder burn. And of



was a tremendous amount of exholes very close to where the vital perimenting - I'd venture to say two years — to get it just right. You've got to make sure it doesn't examples set by his better-known hit the pockets, the zipper or the fashion colleagues, Kirko includes items in his three-year-old line that buckle. Because then you could have a ricochet." span the socioeconomic chasm. At But Kirko's real profits come \$1,000 who from an expanding line of accessothe low end is the basic cream-col-

ored Alligator Ed baseball cap, which retails for about \$20. It has one hole from a 223-caliber rifk and one powder burn from a .22 and is crowned with brass casings and a crimson 12-gauge shotgun shell.

Of course, there's a women's version, too. "We dressed it up quite well with good taste," Kirko says. signing up outlets It's beige, with a bullet hole and throughout the Umited powder burn from a 223 in the front. On the sides are rounds from a 454 Casull, which is billed as the world's most powerful handgun and has become the choice of street punks trying to make a macho statement. What it says to wear a pair of those mammoth rounds like earrings-on-steroids is not so clear.

For upscale customers who prefer understatement, there's a \$75 felt Stetson with a single 223 bulle for a BANG-up idea." It appears course there are jeans and T-shirts peppered with buckshot holes. "You really have to take your time Often, one result is writing that monthly began breaking even a sent along a shirt and a pair of "You really have to take your time sent along a shirt and a pair of "You really have to take your time underwear," was making a Lorena breaking with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice because you're dealing with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice because you're dealing with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice underwear, was making a Lorena because you're dealing with a nice underwear you're dea

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from a bandanna with a 12-gauge shotgun shell as the clasp. He hopes it will turn his line from a hobby that supplements his retirement check into a business that will make him enjoy retiring again. That's why he is adding a children's line decorated with animals like alligators, not bullet holes. But he expects his most popular item to remain the Honeymoon Special, which he describes as "one shot through both sections of a brassiere, a pair of panties and a pair of men's underpants."

"It makes a great shower gift,"

Kirko says his fashion line stems from his childhood in Snowshoe, a coal mining town in central Pennsylvania. "As a kid I was always in the woods hunting," he recalls. "I'd put a rifle on my bicycle and come back with a couple of groundhogs on a stick. I thought they were delicious. One summer I are 120. Then they told me about beef. I haven't had one since, but they are delicious."

"It's art, modern Expression ism" Kirko says. "Art is anything a creator wants it to be. I remember 25 years ago, I saw a guy who called himself a bass violin Expressionist - he bought a cheap violin. jumped on it and kicked it. Then an assistant nailed it to a board. It's art. When he finds somebody with \$1,000 who feels the same way, he's

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Self-Starters: Words for the MTV Generation

By Cynthia Rose

press echoes with debates offs continue. about the dechae in edu-

They give the lie to conventional publishing wisdom, which claims that MTV-soaked ings will not read.

With luck and high standards, an indic can make the big leagues. When Saturday Comes, an irreversions will not read.

terly or monthly, stapled or perfect-bound, the periodicals they produce is backed by Northern & Shell PLC. are a far cry from "fanzines." Those 70s artifacts were similar, smudgy and photocopied. The modern indie magazine works to set riself apart. Take the case of Purr, the recently Soundtracks for Swinging Lovers place is desperate for ideas.

— a four-artist EP recorded for the magazine. Issue 2 will include an "Elvis Presley Board Game."

where the whole youth market place is desperate for ideas. Yet Heinemann foresees more self-started mags. "As distributors, there's nothing in it for us at all. But

color plates printed in Singapore, Purr sold 10,000 copies. But maga-dent publishers of the future. zines half its size can be inventive. too. A bimonthly called The Idler ("literature for loafers"; first print run: 1,000) exists to encourage "sitthinking writing and observing." Every issue is given a separate "launch party." each geared to making mainstream media folk feel young and trendy. This gambit has resulted in saturation publicity and upped circulation to 3,000.

Those who opt for standard dis mbution face a struggle, however. Make-or-break book chains like John Menzies and W. H. Smith have a history of aloofness toward independents. Even if they do deem a magazine acceptable, "artistic differences" frequently arise. Phat magazine proved a volatile case in point: The news trade took offense at a cover picture including a gun. No matter that it flagged a heartfelt

agents and mainstream chains eventually shunned it. Phat will reap-ONDON — At a time pear in the spring, but the spring bull the Some are resolved by people like

about the dechae in educational standards, Britain is enjoying an unusual publishing boom: a wave of small magazines published for and by young people. Most of these publications aim at niche readerships — soccer fans, night-clubbers, skateboarders or comicbook cultists. Yet such target groups supply more than a raison d'être; often, they also provide a distribution framework.

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London, it sells at the box office as where nothing is predictable."

Where nothing is predictable. Other self-started magazines the club's 6,000-strong mailing list.

Thanks to desk-top publishing every slice of the U. K. youth market seems to be served by "indie" of offices: one in London, one in the click presenter now cellet to print. Slick magazines now cater to Scotland, one in San Francisco. In graffiti practitioners (Graphotism, Britain, its specialty is stocking spe-the self-proclaimed "magazine of cialist outlets: comic shops, galleraerosol art"), aspirant beatniks ies, clothes boutiques — even con-(Straight No Chaser, "magazine of certs. A. K. handles 100 indie (Straight No Chaser, magazines certs, A. K. manders from world jazz jive"), even the baggy-magazines, titles that range from pants brigade (target readership of Girl Frenzy (a "ferninist glossy") to Phat, "hot staff for boodlums"). Bad Attitude (a tabloid parody).

ent soccer mag, started seven years OT only do they read, ago with 100 copies. Now on Issue but more and more 82, its circulation is 62,000. Corpoyoung Britons are tack-rate money is not insensible to such ling publishing. Quar-success: Attitude, a "gay viewpoint"

HE real problem such magazines face is that what they develop can so easily be co-opted by the launched "magazine of music, art, mainstream, Says Gavin Hills, the film and comics." Issue I offers fic- editor of Phat, "The moment you tion, graphics, interviews, a separate mini-comic book and "Savage where. The whole youth market-

Elvis Presley Board Game." there's nothing in it for us at all. But Backed by a stockbroker, with we pursue them to encourage young

journalist and the author of "Design After Dark." Cynthia Rose is a London-based

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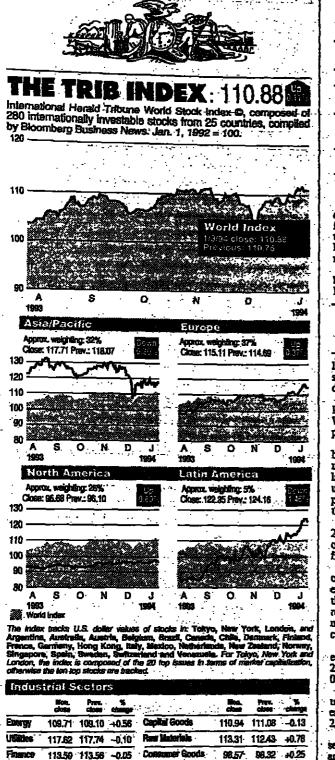
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Shares Hit Highs In Europe

Rate-Cut Hopes Boost Markets

PARIS — Major European stock exchanges, led by Paris and Frank-furt, set record highs Monday in the year's first trading session amid hopes for lower European interest

Paris surged to a record after banks cut interest rates, while Frankfurt advanced on bopes of

U.S. investors bought a record amount of foreign securities last

lower inflation. Swiss and Dutch stocks also set records, while London was closed for a bank holiday. The European component of the International Herald Tribune World Stock Index advanced 0.37 percent, to 115.11.

The Paris Bourse was encouraged by lower interest rates, which are universally seen as needed to boost a lagging economy and counter high unemployment. Banks out their prime rates to below 8 percent for the first time in 20 years. (Page 10) The CAC-40 index closed at 2,290.56 points, up nearly 1 percent on the day. That was the indicator's

fifth record high since Dec. 23. in Germany, where the president of the central bank over the weekend forecast a fall in inflation for this year, stocks also surged to a record. Falling German inflation means that German interest rate cuts are likely.

The DAX spot trend index ended at an all-time closing high of 2,267.98 points, up 1.30 points, or 0.05 percent.

tracks the top 22 blue-chip stocks, ended the day up 38,6 points at

2,996.2. In Amsterdam, local institutions sent Dutch shares up, resulting in an all-time high on the AEX index, as they snapped up underper-formers and bargains across the board. The AEX index added 6.10 points, to close at 420,37. (AFP, Bloo

Vobis Slowed at Borders German Computer Chain Alters Tactics

By Jacques Neher International Herald Tribune

AACHEN, Germany - Theo Lievin has learned the hard way about the limits of a borderless European market when it comes to selling computers. Mr. Lieven built Vobis Microcomputer AG into

Germany's largest computer-store chain by pro-moting low prices on a house brand. But he has had to put his European expansion strategy back on the drawing board after running into unreceptive consumers in France, Spain and Italy.
This fall, the 41-year-old executive began offering his high-performance, low-cost rlightcreen computers in Britain, but without Vobis. Instead

of opening its own stores, the company is leaving the selling job to Dixons Group, which operates more than 400 outlets. "We could never sell 12,000 computers in the U.K. this year without Dixons," Mr. Lieven said. "We may make less money, but we're doing it more

easily. We're trying to grow in the easiest ways."

Mr. Lieven, who opened the first Vobis branch 12 years ago and now operates 200, is exploring a host of new approaches for expanding sales and restoring profits.

For 1993, sales growth is expected to slow to 15 to 20 percent, to 1.86 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.07 billion), following a 53 percent gain in 1992. Pretax profit was expected to drop 50 percent, to around 30 million DM.

Feeling the effects of Europe's recession and fierce competition, particularly by its German rival, Escom Computer AG, Vobis now expects to sell 455,000 Highscreen computers, significantly under earlier projections of 480,000 units.

In Germany, which accounts for the lion's share of company sales, Vobis Highscreen had more than 13 percent of the PC market in the third quarter. according to Dataquest, the market-research concern. That was off about a half point from a year realist that will for about of the Company. earlier, but still far ahead of the Compaq. Escom, IBM and Siemens/Nixdori brands, which each had slices of 8 percent to 9 percent.

Escorn, which has 115 stores in Germany and 120 outlets in seven other European countries, is accused by Vobis of copying its formula, but Wilfried Heise, a company spokesman, countered

that Vobis is now the copier. "We opened a megas-tore of 2,200 square meters (2,640 square yards) in April and we are more involved with business customers," he said. "Vobis is only doing that

Mr. Lieven's current plan shows little allegience to his original formula which called for small, neighborhood stores that stocked only Highscreen computers, priced 30 percent to 50 percent under name brands. He is testing significantly larger stores that offer a much larger product mix, includ-ing personal computers made by competitors, even

This is an hourly business. A 10-year strategy doesn't do you any good because no one knows what will be in even two years."

Theo Lievin, founder of Vobis.

the noncompatible Apple Macintosh line. He is also branching out from the home PC market, selling through 70 dealers serving the business

"This is an hourly business, with the constant changes in price and performance," he said. "A 10year strategy doesn't do you any good because no one knows what will be in even two years."
Industry observers accord Mr. Lieven guru status. "He's one of the European PC market's

greats," said Steve Brazier, a Dataquest analyst who has closely followed the company. "He's had brilliant ideas and proved he could do it better than the Japanese and Americans. If it wasn't for him, the PC market in Europe would be in a sorry

Cashing in on the company's success, Mr. Lie ven and co-founder Rainer Fraling early this year sold a controlling stake in Vobis to the huge German retailing group, Kaushof Holding AG, which itself is controlled by Metro Vermogensver-

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U.S. Factories Show Expansion In December

facturing sector expanded in December amid a surge in production a televised interview, Mr. Altr.

The National Association of Purchasing Management said its monthly index registered 57.9 percent last month, up from 55.7 percent in November and the highest Labor Secretary Robert B. Rectary Robert B. rate since January 1993. It was the third consecutive month of growth in the manufacturing sector.

A reading above 50 percent generally indicates the manufacturing sector is expanding, while a reading above 44.5 percent over time generally means the overall economy is growing. A year ago, the index stood at 55.4 percent. Of 20 industries tracked by the

group, 13 reported improvements over November. The best gains were reported by the transportation industry — particularly auto, truck nation's shumping economy in U.; and bus makers — as well as plasfinancial year beginning in April. tics, rubber, fabricated metals, wood products, furniture and computers. Each month the association polls

300 purchasing managers who buy the raw materials that fuel U.S. factories. Their purchasing habits are considered a reliable indicator of economic activity. The Commerce Department re-ported Monday that construction

spending in the rose 1.8 percent in November, the seventh straight month of rising spending. It had risen by 2.5 percent in October.

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NEW YORK — The U.S. manudid not expect the U.S. economy: and healthy increases in new or-ders, according to a report released on course in view of the tameners of inflation coupled with a contin-

ued lack of robust credit demar. million jobs would be added to the U.S. economy in 1994 and that the unemployment rate could fall ... low as 6 percent. It is currently 5.4 (AP, AFP, Reut. 15)

Japan Poll Shows Business Bearish

The Associated Press

TOKYO - A poli of Japane : business executives showed mc.t expect little or no growth in the financial year beginning in April. according to a survey carried ou: by Kyodo News Service and putlished Monday.

Kyodo said that in its survey of top executives of 100 major corperations, 9 percent predicted the economy would shrink, 13 percen forecast no growth at all, and 55 predicted growth of up to I percer.

for the year.
It said 61 of the executive looked for the economy to recover in the second half of this year, while sen by 2.5 percent in October. 22 said recovery would come in the Separately. Deputy Treasury first half of 1995.

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Argentine Regulators Bid for Respect

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By Nathaniel C. Nash

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New York Times Service UENOS AIRES — When securities regulators announced recently that they had opened an investigation into Acindar Industries SA, a large steelmaker and one of the most heavily traded issues on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange, it was as if there had been a small

explosion on the exchange floor.

The regulators charged that Acindar had skimmed \$3.5 million in profit over the previous two years and diverted it to a company owned by several members of the Accredo family, which has the controlling interest in Acindar. At the time, the company had just reported a big quarterly loss.
Officials at Acindar have denied any

wrongdoing saying their dealings with La-minfer, the private company owned by the Acevedo family, were proper. Nevertheless, Acindar's stock, which had plummeted in previous days with word of the losses, fell 9 percent more, hitting its lowest level on re-

But at least in some financial circles, respect for the country's National Securities Commission and its brash young regulators increased; investors began asking whether the agency, headed by Martin Redrado, its president, had finally gotten some teeth. "This is exactly, what the commission should be doing, because profit-skimming is a common practice among many companies listed on the Bolsa," Christopher Beckestone, an analyst here, said of the stock market. "It's one of the dirty little secrets of the capital markets; suck all the money out of the company that you can. There's a saying here, But at least in some financial circles, re

company that you can. There's a saying here, 'Rich man, poor company."

To be sure, emerging markets throughout the world are plagued by manipulation and fraud. Among the caveats with emerging markets are that financial statements are not always accurate, the price of a stock is often

pumped up, and insider trading is not just common but in many places legal.

For the last few years, though, Argentina has struggled to earn credibility for its exchange, well aware that it brings in foreign capital and that fraud drives big investors

The securities agency in the last two years has flexed its muscles and tried to get tough in some high-visibility cases.

away. Yet companies, especially those run like family investment funds, have been particularly slow in learning that lesson.

"Twe seen a lot of emerging markets," said
a New York securities trader who asked not

a New York securities trader who asked not to be identified, "and there are worse than Argentina, but there are better as well." Mexico and Chile are generally considered exchanges where there is less of a problem. Still, the Argentine securities agency in the last two years has flexed its regulatory muscles and tried to get tough in some high-visibility cases. It has initiated more than 80 investigations, and in 1993 it fined 54 directors of publicly listed commanies and lifted investigations, and in 1993 it fined 54 direc-tors of publicly fisted companies and lifted the trading licenses of 12 securities firms. It cited Citibank for not reporting some stock trades within 30 minutes, it pressed one

of Argentina's largest industrial concerns to revalue some assets the company had insisted were worth much less, and it stopped Loma Negra, an group owned by a prominent so-cialite, from overstating the value of some of its assets before selling corporate bonds. Along the way, it has had help from the

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. For example, in September, Paul Fischer, for years a senior attorney in the SEC's enforcement division, spent two weeks in Buence Aires, helping the enforcement division work on its investigative techniques.

And late in August, a team of Argentine and SEC regulators entered the offices of Citicorp and Chase Manhattan Corp. unan-Citicorp and Chase Manhattan Corp. unan-nounced to review their trading practices — "to make sure they were accurately reporting trades," an official said. Commission aides say nothing illegal was found, but the mes-sage was unmistakable.

"We don't have that much to work with —

we have limited resources, so we have to take on these big cases and make the most of them," said a commission official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The maximum fine that the commission

can levy is \$8,000 for each securities violation. And though it can prosecute for insider trading, getting a conviction in Argentine courts, which are known for corruption and susceptibility to political manipulation, is

In addition, the commission has only limited subpoena power, making it possible for a suspect to refuse to cooperate with investiga-

A bill is pending in the Argentine Congress that would permit fines as high as \$5 million and give the commission much broader powers. Approval, however, may take months.

The Swiss Market Index, which The Swiss Market Index, which top 22 blue-chip stocks, The Spins Pederated Move Doesn't Alter Its Plans Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — R.H. Macy, which is in Chapter 11 bankruptcy-law proceedings, said, "Since Co. said Monday that Federated August, we have been discussing Department Stores Inc.'s purchase of half of a major secured claim Macy, which is in Chapter 11 bankruptcy-law proceedings, said, "Since its employees, creditors and other constituencies," Mr. Ullman said. "We view Federated as a creditor with all of our creditor groups the development of a consequent place of the company, its employees, creditors and other constituencies," Mr. Ullman said. "We view Federated as a creditor appears far from going through the development of a consequent place of the company, its employees, creditors and other constituencies," Mr. Ullman said. "We view Federated as a creditor appears far from going through

of half of a major secured claim development of a consensual plan of from a Macy creditor "has not altered" Macy's plans to develop its own reorganization plan.

Federated announced Sunday

Myron Ullman, chairman of that it had bought half of the se- lar creditor the specific role they the U.S. economy. cured claim held by Prudential Insurance Co. of America for \$449.3 million Mr. Ullman noted Monday, after talks with Federated Chairman Allen Questrom, that the amount equaled less than 10 per-cent of all creditors' claims against Macy related to its 1992 bankrupt-

cy-law filing.
We will continue to work with

"We view Federated as a creditor holding a portion of Prudential's claim," he said. "It would be inappropriate at this juncture for Macy's to discuss with any particuture for await department-store chains in the LIS accounty." Mr. Ullman said the negotiating

early stage." Federated described the talks

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Traders drove prices of Macy' bonds higher Monday on specula-tion about a possible Federated-Macy combination, but trading turned quiet in the afternoon. off from \$510 earlier in the day but

Federated described the talks with Macy as "cordial" and said Macy was "receptive" to further talks.

A Federated spokeswoman said she could not say whether further meetings had been scheduled.

Mr. Questrom has said that Federated, whose department stores in
The stores, for example, despite sluggish sales of apparel, have responsed strong sales of furniture, decorative items and appliances during the Christmas holidays.

Janet Mangano, a retail industry analyst with Burnham Securities and the Federated move a bid for Federated. (AP, Reuters, NYT, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)



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MARKET DIARY

Blue Chips Gain In Weak Market

stocks ended with a small gain Monday, but most other issues drifted lower on interest-rate concerns fueled by signs of U.S. economic growth

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 2.51 points, to 3,756.60,

N.Y. Stocks

after trimming an initial loss of 10 points. But decliners led advancing shares by a 4 to 3 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange.

Interest rates in the bond market climbed to the highest level since August after purchasing managers reported an expansion in manufacturing for a third month in a row in December and the Commerce Department said construction spending rose in November for the seventh consecutive monthly advance.

The benchmark 30-year bond fell 28/32, to 97 26/32, and its yield was quoted at 5.41 percent, up from 6.35 percent. This was the highest closing yield since August. If interest rates are headed high-

er, earnings must keep pace or stocks will fall, money managers said. Companies in the S&P 500 on average are expected to post earnings increases of 15 percent to 18 percent for the fourth quarter, compared with a year ago.

"Stock prices have gone about as far as they can with low interest

rates," said David Katz, chief invest NEW YORK - Blue-chip ment officer of the \$160-million Matrix Asset Advisors Inc. "At some point, you're going to need better

Sunshine Mining was the most active New York Stock Exchange issue, rising 1/2 to 31/4 as the price of gold rose 52.80 an ounce, to \$394.70 for February delivery. The most-active American Stock Ex-change issues were Echo Bay, up 114 to 14% and Royal Oak, up 12 at

Among the active NYSE stocks were Ford Motor and General Motors. After executives gave strong sales outlooks for 1994 at an automotive industry conference in Detroit, GM was up % to 55%, while Ford tumbled 1% to 63%.

poorest and southernmost province depressed a number of shares. American depositary receipts of Teléfonos de Mexico, which repre-sent 20 series L shares, fell 2 to 6514. Closed-end mutual funds specializing in Mexico also were lower.

for \$449.3 million. MCI Communications led the

U.S. Economic Data Push Dollar Higher

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar was sharply higher Monday after data on the U.S. economy confirmed an accelerating recovery, dealers and analysts said.

The U.S. currency jumped to 1.7435 Deutsche marks from

Foreign Exchange

1.7382 DM, and to 112.700 year

from 111.825 ven on Friday. David Wilson, a dealer at Crédit Lyonnais, said there was strong corporate and institutional interest in dollars at the moment because the U.S. economy appears to be accelerating and interest rates appear to favor the dollar. The Federal Reserve Board is expected to raise U.S. rates in the first quarter of this year. while European countries and Japan are expected to let them fall. French banks, for instance, lowered base rates to below 8 percent on Monday.

Mr. Wilson said he expected the Bundesbank to further the trend on

Thursday, by cutting its Lombard and the discount rates by half a percentage point each.

The dollar was also higher

against the Swiss franc, trading at 1.4940 francs, up from 1.4880 francs, and at 5.9333 French francs, up from 5.9190 francs. The British pound sank to 1.4755 from \$1.4770.

"People are bullish on the dollar relative to the currencies of other industrialized countries," said Belal Khan, a trader at Bank of Tokyo. "The U.S. looks poised for growth."

The latest sign of an improving economy came Monday, when the National Association of Purchasing Management said its index of manufacturing activity rose to 57.9 in December from 55,7 in November.

"The Purchasing Managers num-ber was higher than expected," said Yanagi Hara, assistant vice president at Industrial Bank of Japan. That buttressed the notion that U.S. the first quarter, he said.

(AFP, AFX, Reuters)

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U.S. Investors Intensify **Stock-Buying Abroad**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

NASDAQ Diary

NEW YORK - American investors took advantage of higher returns abroad to buy record amounts of stocks and bonds of non-U.S. corporations and governments for most of last year, an economist for the Securities Indus-

try Association said Monday. Americans hought a record \$99 billion of debt and equities from abroad in the first nine months of 1993, almost doubling their full-year purchases of \$52 billion in

looking for opportunities, and what they are seeing in the U.S. market in terms of total return is

The bulk of the investment went to Europe, in anticipation that stock markets would benefit from lower interest rates, though investment in emerging markets jumped

Purchases of shares in companies in the European Unionsurged to a record \$12.6 billion in the third quarter, compared with \$6.8 billion in the second quarter, the previous tracted \$7.9 billion, compared with pared with 13 percent for the Dow the previous high of \$5.1 billion in the fourth quarter of 1992.

(Bloomberg, AFX)

Purchases of French shares reached a record \$1.1 billion, compared with a previous high of \$692 million in the second quarter of

Net purchases of German equities rose to \$1.7 billion, far beyond the old record of \$903 million in the first quarter of 1990, and purchases of Dutch stocks came to \$861 million, set in the 1991 second quarter.

More adventurous investors, 1992, the association said. In the markets in search of higher returns, as economics of some developing billion of stocks and \$21.4 billion countries grew at several times the United States' rate of growth.

of stocks from companies in devel-oping countries, compared with about \$5.6 billion in all of 1992. More than \$4.8 billion was invested in Latin America, including \$1.6 billion in Argentina, \$1.3 billion in Brazil and \$1.8 billion in Mexico.

In Asia and the Pacific, U.S. in vestors bought a record net \$1.9 billion of Hong Kong shares in the third quarter, compared with the old quarterly high of \$957 million in the first quarter of 1992, and 3504 million of Singapore stocks, passing the old mark of \$395 million set in the second quarter of 1993.

Mexico's main stock-market in-dex rose 47 percent last year, com-

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Toys 'R' Us Cites Firm Holiday Sales

PARAMUS, New Jersey (Reuter) — Toys 'R' Us Inc., the world's largest toy retailer, Monday reported what it described as strong gains in its Christmas season sales.

The retailer said sales at its U.S. stores rose 7.4 percent during the eight weeks ended Dec. 25, while its total sales rose 14.9 percent, to \$3.41 billion.

Reynolds Metals to Drop 800 Jobs

RICHMOND, Virginia (AP) — Two-thirds of the 1,200 employees at a Reynolds Metals Co. plant in McCook, Illinois, will be laid off when the company discontinues a portion of its aluminum sheet production by late

April, Reynolds said Monday.

C. Stephen Thomas, vice president and general manager of Reynolds

Mill Products Division, said some products at McCook are being phased out because of excess capacity in the industry.

Apple Launches New On-line Service

CUPERTINO, California (Combined Dispatches) — Apple Computer Inc., shoring up its computer manufacturing business with a new product. unveiled to on-line service Monday called eWorld. Intended to compete with established forces like America Online, Compuserve and Prodigy, eWorld is designed to appeal to professionals such as securities analysts and lawyers by offering electronic newsletters and other services amed at this market. Later offerings will be specifically designed for children, adult home users and the education markets.

"We want to redefine on line services" Detections of director and director and directors are directors and di

"We want to redefine on-line services," Peter Friedman, director and general manager of Apple Online Services. "The ones out there, including our own, are just a bunch of stuff."

(NYT, AP)

Owens-Corning Plans to Restructure

TOLEDO (Combined Dispatches) — Owens-Coming Fibergias Corp. said it had reorganized to replace its two operating divisions with 10 new

business segments.
It also said it was establishing a new executive vice president responsible for business development, strategic planning, and global sourcing, the (Reuter, Knight-Ridder) 3434.0 — 21.0 3437.0 — 22.0 nluresi : 67,412.

For the Record

Paramount Communications Inc. said it has acquired the book and software publishing operations of Markt & Technik Verlag AG of Germany for an undisclosed price. (UPI)

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. said it has completed a pr nounced restructuring that will free the studio of almost \$1 billion in debt by transferring it to a new subsidiary. The debt was absorbed by Crédit Lyonnais, which retains 98.5 percent ownership of both the old and new

General Instrument Corp. said it would sell 200,000 digital television converters to Cox Cable, a division of Cox Enterprises Inc. (AP) Seagram Co. said it would take over U.S. distribution of Absolut vodka. from Grand Metropolitan PLC on Feb. 1, nine months earlier than

Weekend Box Office

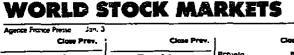
The Associated Press LOS ANGELES — "Mrs. Doubtfire" topped the New Year weekend box office, earning an estimated \$17 million. Following are the Top 10: moneymakers based on Friday ticket sales and estimated sales for Saunday and Sunday.

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4. "Sister Act 2"	(Touchstane Pictures)	. \$5,2 million
S. "Grumøy Old Men"	(Warner Brothers)	\$7.4 million
6. "Beethoven's 2nd"	(Universal)	\$7.1 militan
7. "Wayne's World 2"	(Paramount)	S3.5 million
8, "The Piano"	(Mirantot)	\$2.3 million
9. "Geronimo"	(Columbia Pictures) -	S2,7 million
6. "Ghost in the Mochine"	(20th Century Fox)	\$1.5 million

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French Banks Reduce Rates To 20-Year Low

PARIS — Leading French banks cut their base lending rates Mon-day to a 20-year low of 7.95 percent from 8.15 percent, sending bond and stock prices surging. Credit Commercial de France,

Société Générale, Banque Nationale de Paris. Crédit Lyonnais and Banque Paribas all announced the rate cut, effective Wednesday. The move, which the banks said

followed a decline in short-term money-market rates, helped boost

Cost Controls Aid Hoogovens

AFP-Extel News BEVERWIJK, Netherlands - Hoogovens NV saw operat-ing results improve in the secand half of 1993 as the result of a cost-cutting program, but the steelmaker was unprofitable for the third year in a row, its chairman said Monday.

Maartin Van Veen, the chairman, did not provide spe-cific figures for the second half of last year, nor did he offer a 1994 forecast. Hoogovens had a net loss of 189 million guilders (\$97.5 million) in the first half of 1993, following a fullvear 1992 loss of 595 million.

The 1992 result included a 370 million guilder restructuring charge that trimmed about 2,300 jobs. Mr. Van Veen said cost-cutting measures led to 1993 savings of about 450 million guilders, 100 million more than had been expected.

the Paris stock market to a record close, its fifth since Dec. 25, and sent government bond prices to new highs as well.

The stock market's CAC-40 index eaded at 2290.56 points, up 22.34. The 10-year government bond con-tract for March delivery, meanwhile, ended 0.12 point higher, at a record 131.00. The yield on the 10-year bond in the cash market fell to 5.63 percent from 5.64 percent.

Reduced interest rates are viewed as essential in helping France's economy grow and bring down a 12 percent unemployment rate.

French hanks' base rates, which are their lowest rates for commercial lending have stood at 8.15 per-cent since late October, when they were out from 8.40 percent after the Bank of France reduced its money market intervention rate. The new rate will be the lowest French bank base rate since June 1973. Charles de Croisset, chairman of

Credit Commercial, said base rates would probably decline further in the next few months as short-term money market rates come down. ■ Sweden Lowers a Rate

The Swedish central bank cut its discount rate half a percentage point, to 4.5 percent effective Tuesday, Agence France-Presse re-ported from Stockholm.

But the bank's marginal rate the rate at which it provides funds to the banking system — was un-changed at 7.75 percent. Sweden's discount rate is set auto-

matically at the beginning of each quarter and is based on the average level of interest rates during the previcus quarter. It thus has less of a than in many other countries.

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 Republic New York Corp. completed the acquisition of the London gold bullion unit Mase Westpac Ltd. from Australia's Westpac Banking Corp. • British Aerospace PLC confirmed it was discussing the sale of its Space

Systems unit to the Anglo-French aerospace concern Matra Marconi. • Scandinavian Airlines System has agreed to sell six Boeing 767s to third parties and lease them back under five-year accords. The deal will raise about 3 billion kronor (\$361.4 million).

 Carrefour SA has bought an 80 percent stake in Societa Sviluppo Commerciale, which operates four malls in Italy.

• Remy Cointreau's unit Remy & Associes Distribution France SA signed an agreement with the Polish company Polamo to acquire 55 percent of its Pol Lesta distributor for an undisclosed sum.

• SPI Pharmaceuticals Inc. said it would acquire 30 percent ownership in Alkaloida, a pharmaceutical maker in Hungary, and it plans to raise its stake to more than 50 percent. Terms were not disclosed.

role in monetary policy in Sweden . Metalleesellschaft AG said it would meet creditor banks Wednesday. Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP, AFX, Knight-Ridder

For German Privatizer, Privatization

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches

BERLIN - The German government agency in charge of privatizing the economy of former East Germany, the Treuhandanstalt, is to be partly priva-tized itself in March, the agency said Monday.

The Trenhand, whose assignment is slated to end at the end of this year, will set up a limited liability company in March, to which it will transfer all its powers in connection with checking on and monitoring privatization contracts, the agency's president, Birgit Brenel, said. The new company will bear the management GmbH, or VRA.

The agency is now negotiating with accountants to privatize a 25 percent share in the new company. "The

aim is to privatize VRA fully as quickly as possible,"

Treuhand is still seeking new owners for just 266 companies left from the 13,384 companies it took over at its start in 1990. Of those 266, 73 have been handed over to five management companies, called Management KGen, for longer-term reorganization.

VRA will supplement the existing Treuhand affili-ates, the Treuhand Liegenschafts Gesellschaft for managing real estate, and the Boden Verwertungs- & Verwaltungs Gesellschaft for agricultural land.

Treuhand has also suggested creating an agency that would manage local communities' property such as hospitals or kindergartens once Treuhand itself has

(AFP, AFX, Bloomberg)

Disney Said to Duck Euro Disney Audit

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AFP-Extel News

PARIS - KPMG Peat Marwick, the auditor appointed by creditor banks to study Euro Disney SCA's accounts, has met "a total refusal to cooperate" from Walt Disney Co., sources close to the conflict said.

Walt Disney Co. responded that its auditor, Price Waterterial relevant to Euro Dis-ney's finances" to representatives of KPMG.

G-7: Is Its Time Over?

Continued from Page 1 fare state seem likely to penalize the rest of Europe.

"These are going to be the nasty 90s for Europe," said Christopher Potts, chief economist at Banque Indosuez. "From a European point of view, the United States looks like an economic paradise."

If Europe needs solace for its doldrums, it should look to Japan. The nation that had seemed unstoppable in the late 1980s now looks as vulnerable and unpredictable as its Nikkei stock market index. The price of wild overconfidence in stock market and property speculation is being paid.

Deep adjustments seem neces-sary. They include some modification of Japanese companies' traditional commitment to lifetime employment and tax cuts to spur

But these changes will take time. The Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development predicts growth of 0.5 per-cent for Japan in 1994. The yen may have to depreciate to spur a recovery, but that will be resisted in Washington, where the view is that Japan should import more and use a strong yen to do so.

"The big risk in the world economy in 1994 is Japan," said Alan Stoga, the managing director of Kissinger Associates. "The machine is no longer working, and its markets look increasingly fragile. A significant collapse cannot be ruled

The Asian mantle has been taken up by China, with 1.2 billion potential customers, a double-digit growth rate and a seemingly irrevocable embrace of a market econo-

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany went to Beijing in November and came back with contracts worth \$4 billion. In the airline industry alone, China needs 40 aircraft a year for the next two decades: That is manna from heaven for Boeing, Airbus Industrie and McDonnell Douglas Corp. Outside China, growth and in-

vestment prospects still look strong in the rest of Asia, although after an 80 percent gain in these equity markets in 1993 in U.S. dollar terms, some correction may be due. Similar forces will continue to

push money into Latin America, where the economies of Chile. Argentina, Peru and Mexico are beginning to reap the benefits of mar-ket reform. Capital flowed out of Latin America in the 1980s, but is now returning. The North American Free Trade Agreement has tied not just Mexico, but by optimistic implication the whole area, to the

VOBIS: German Computer Chain Plots New Strategy

Continued from Page 9 waltungs GmbH, the Swiss retail-

Kaufhof, which bought just un-der 50 percent of Vobis in 1989, now owns 65 percent, leaving Mr. Lieven and Mr. Fraling 17.5 per-

Industry observers say Vobis stumbled in Latin Europe, in part, because it failed to appreciate the cultural differences in consumer behavior.

"France responds to style and image, not price and service," said Mr. Brazier of Dataquest. "Vobis is lacking romantic appeal for the Latin countries."

Mr. Lieven acknowledged that

the two Vobis stores in France and five units in Spain are "having difficulties," while its 14 stores in Italy, he said, are approaching breakly, he said, are approaching break-

In Germany, Vobis operates 136 stores, which depend on heavy price promotion in the form of product-jammed newspaper and magazine advertising supplements and, since this fall, in zany television commercials - all overseen by Mr. Lieven.

The company can closely track consumer response and gear up its two assembly plants. in Aachen, near the Belgian border, and in

changing demand on short notice.

the finished computers, said Wolfgang Riegel, logistics and produc-tion manager.

But all has not run so smoothly, as hitches in the assembly organization have led to breakdowns in quality control. Attacking the problem, Mr. Riegel said the company's supplier roster is being cut

Some blame the problem on Mr. Lieven's inability to control expannear the Belgian border, and in sion. "The company has grown too Vienna, Austria, to fulfill the large, too fast," said a mid-level

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CHINA: Beijing, Fearing Social Upheaval, Will Seek to Cut Growth to 9%

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Prime Minister Zhu Rongji was selectively relaxed within months as peasants, unprofitable state enterprises and the newly unemployed began to feel the pinch.

Economists say some features of the austerity drive have been ended now that Beijing has promulgated a number of structural economic changes. As a result, analysts said Monday. Beijing is in its strongest position yet to tame an economy that attracted \$20 billion in foreign investment last year.

Many of the structural changes in the economy that were enacted in 1993 or are planned for 1994 are aimed at strengthening the central government's control of the economy at the expense of China's prosperous coastal provinces, whose rapid embrace of the free market set off a boom locally but also threatened to unleash economic disorder across the land.

In other words. China finds itself

chances of surviving and thriving

"Nine percent growth is com-pletely feasible now," said Andrew Freris, chief regional economist with Salomon Brothers Hong Kong direct its economy. Ltd. That growth would still probably be the highest in a region of rapidly expanding economies.

worant Time dependent on increased central au-thority to enhance its free market's have seen the last of inflationary pressures."

Some changes newly enacted by the central government probably have enhanced Beijing's ability to

Ending its system of dual exchange rates and floating its currency, levying new national taxes "There are plenty of signs China's economy is slowing down and none not anecdotal that it is reinflating right now." Mr. Freris said.

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Buoyant Times on Dry Land for Hong Kong's Wu

this want-to-get-rich town, Gordon Y.S. Wu likes to say, than in Victoria Harbor, its less than fragrant port, where the 58-year-old engineer and developer will learlessly take a plunge.

Nominally, Mr. Wu has lost a public bet that the Hong Kong Guangzhou highway, the first superhigh-way into China, would be completed by September.

Then he bet on Dec. 31. He just keeps losing the bet, so jumping into the harbor is his self-imposed penalty. But in the grander scheme of Mr. Wu's ambition, he seems to be winning. He wants to pave southern China with a modern and profitable toll-highway system

while also building a dozen or more huge electric-power plants under license to the Beijing government. Symbolically, the completion by early to mid-1994 of the first six-lane, 76-mile (123-kilometer) super-highway will be a major event in burnishing the image of the Pearl River Delta as a manufacturing corridor.

Though it will take years to repair the giant red scar that southern China's landscape now shows from the army of buildozers rearranging its topography; Mr. Wu's transportation bridge will add to the economic nimbus that continues to billow in the region.

The road wall rid the region of a gracing two-day. Securities said in a report issued last autumn that much as any Hong Kong businessman, has the confi-

will be possible to make the round trip in a morning The \$13-a-vehicle toll road will merge Hong Kong. Shenzhen and Guangzhou into a single sprawling metropolis, as they will be after July 1, 1997, when

Hong Kong is to revert to Chinese control. The highway's potential for revenue does not stop at the off-ramps. Mr. Wu has development rights to 10 major interchanges along the way with more than 7 million square feet (630,000 square meters) of poten-

tial retail and office space. Though he is several months behind schedule in the highway project that has taken more than four years to ild and is currently projected to cost as much as \$1.4 billion, Mr. Wu has an impressive overall record in laying the foundations critical to sustaining southern China's economic boom.

The Hong Kong property-development concern that he heads, Hopewell Holdings Ltd., is listed on the that he nears, riopewear rionality.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange, By next year, the company, which has two coal-fired power plants operating in Guangdong Province, will be filling 35 percent of the province's electrical needs.

In an analysis of the road's progress, S.G. Warburg opment area critical to China's leaders. Mr. Wu, as

HONG KONG — There are more sharks on land in to Guangzhou's factories. Once the highway opens, it final segments to the end of 1994, even into early 1995.

"Frequent press comments by Hopewell in respect statements" and "the large sums of equity involved which give rise to concern.

These warnings notwithstanding, the capital mar-kets have not flinched in their support.

With the opening of the first leg of the highway for the 30,000 vehicles a day crossing between Hong Kong and China, Mr. Wu will have established himself as a prototype developer, using foreign capital and mar gement know-how to attack the bottlenecks in China's transportation and energy industries.

"There is no way China can get the money them-selves to do the job," he said. "If I start working on nothing else but power generation until the day I die. I still can't fulfill 10 percent of what they want.

Largely because he has defined a market in a devel-

dence of ton Beiling officials

"China never wanted to open up this sector, and I was the first one to crack it in 1984," he said, recalling of early completion and early revenue collection have not materialized," the report said, adding. The risks that this final negotiations were with Li Peng, an electrical real recompany has exposed itself to by the apparent lack of programming and detailed budgeting are significant, and it is this combination of unrealistic transments." The risks that has a result, these days the contracts just keep coming. Thanks to growing enthusiasm in Beijing and transments." the China lever that is rolling through capital markets in

the West, he has all the financial backing he can handle. He started an eight-city U.S. fund-raising tour in San Francisco last month to sell \$374 million of stock to help finance the power plants. "By the time I hit Denver," he said, "the stock was all sold, so I suggested we forget about the Eastern cities because I had work to do but the underwriters insisted that we go through the

One key to his strategy is to make sure that his jointventure partners in China usually units of provincial governments, are making as much as or more than he is. Another is to remove himself from the distribution of power. His plants will sell wholesale to China's distribution network, which will add its own distribution charge. "They are making more than we are." he said of the Chinese. "We get a minimum of 15 percent. If we don't get that, then I won't bring my bulldozers in."

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China's New Taxes Sow Confusion in Foreign Ventures

RELITING — Foreign business ventures, sent reeling by Beijing's surprise decision to float the yearn

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Saturday, are also scrambling to cope with a package of tax increases that took effect at the same time. To ease the tax pain, Beijing is-sued regulations Thursday promising a full rebate for foreign ventures whose taxes rise under the guarantee this." new system during a five-year tran-

Managers of joint ventures, how to tell which of the price increases ever, said they still might have to on imported goods such as food, raise prices. And the impact of both alcohol and jewelry were a re-the currency changes and the new spense to the devaluation of the tax system is far from clear.

Since Saturday, foreign ventures have been told they would face a value added tax, a consumption tax on luxury goods and a turnover tax on services. These replace China's so-called consolidated industrial

Foreigners Fuel Hong Kong Rally

HONG KONG — The Hang Seng index smashed through the 12,000 mark Monday for the first for a foreign bank said.

levied on sales across the board.

"For a certain period of time, we'll make sure the present level of tax burdens are maintained for foreign enterprises," Zhang Zhiyong, deputy director of foreign tax at the State Tax Administration, said in a telephone interview. "We will consider cases on an individual basis to

In Beining's joint-venture shops: and hotels Monday, it was difficult to tell which of the price increases yuan cansed by its floating and which were the result of new taxes.

With inflation running at more than 20 percent in major cities, officials have expressed concern about

the effects of trying to impose too many major reforms too quickly. ■ Floating Yuan Stays Level The yuan held steady in its first day as a floating currency on the Shanghai foreign-exchange swap

dollar was quoted at 8.70 yuan. The trade was quite normal; with a drop in turnover because it's hoost reserves and stave off the day the start of the year," one broker it becomes an oil importer.

Rothmans Units Tumble **Malaysian Setback Hammers Stocks**

KUALA LUMPUR - Shares of Rothmans International PLCs Asian units plunged Monday after two large Malaysian stockholders rejected a plan to combine the tobacco companies into a single

Hong Kong-based business. Rothmans executives in Hong Kong said they hoped to meet this week with leading shareholders of Rothmans of Pall Mall (Malaysia) Bhd, to see if a new plan could be worked out.

The original plan, rejected Friday, would have merged Rothmans units in Malaysia, Singapore and northeast Asia into a company positioned for the huge Chinese market. The company's shares would have been listed on the Kusla Lumpur, Singapore and Hong Kong exchanges.

Rejection of the plan hit shares in the existing companies. On the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange. Rothmans of Pall Mall (Malaysia) fell 4.60 ringgit (\$1.71), to 21.40 ringgit; in Singapore, Rothmans Industries Ltd. dropped 1.15 Singapore dollars (72 U.S. cents), to 8.55 dollars.

The proposed merger was killed by the votes of Permodalan Nasional Bbd., a government investment company, and Lebaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera, the armed forces pension fund.

Abdul Khalid Ibrahim, chief executive officer of Permodalan Nasional, which indirectly owns 17.87 percent of Rothmans Malaysia, said Saturday that the company had voted against the plan because it would have shift-ed investment out of Malaysia

and reduced Malaysian control.

"We decided that the best thing to do was to reject the move, and it is now up to Rothmans International to come up with a deal that will benefit all." he said.

Ang Kok Heng, senior research nanager at TA Securities, said: "If Rothmans had talked to them properly, this thing could have

"When you operate in Malaysia, you ought to consult with the authority before you come out with your proposal. You need their support anyway, so how can you not talk with them?"

Rothmans of Pall Mall (Malaysia), which is 50 percent-owned by Rothmans International, accounts for most of the British tobacco company's profit in Asia.

Singapore Expected to Grow 7%

SINGAPORE - Singapore ket boom last year fueled a 9.8 \$600 million in liquidity.

percent rise in the economy. Growth in 1994 is expected to be more broad-based and although stock market furnover will not see a fivefold jump as it did in 1993. private consumption and investmen; growth will be reasonably strong, they say,

you will see growth continuing, led by manufacturing," said Paul Schy-myck, economist at Hoare Goven

Prime Minister Gob Chok Tong announced in his New Year's Day national address that the Singapor economy grew at an annual rate of 9.8 percent in 1993 - faster than the 8.8 pecent private economists had expected and far faster than the 5.8 percent increase in 1992.

In 1993, productivity growth outpaced wage increases for the first time in five years, Mr. Goh said. He said Singapore's economy would grow between 6 percent and

8 percent in 1994. Productivity figures for 1993 are not yet available but third-quarter figures put productivity growth at cent in the second quarter.

Very briefly:

 Hong Kong announced plans to set up a government-owned corpora-tion called Airport Corp. that will finish building and will then manage the Chek Lap Kok airport.

• Taiwan has set a deadline for June for the privatization of three staterun companies — Taiwan Machinery Manufacturing Corp., BES Engineering Corp. and China Petrochemical Development Corp. — as the first

economists are predicting 1994 of 10 companies it plans to offer to the public.

gress domestic product growth of • Malaysia's central bank increased the statutory reserve requirement of around 7 percent after a stock mar-financial institutions by one percentage point, to 9.5 percent, to mop up

 The Industrial Bank of Japan Ltd. will absorb charges of 300 billion yen (\$2.68 billion) over the next three years against nonperforming loans totaling 800 billion yen, the Nihon Keizai Shimbun reported.

• South Korea sold a record 2.07 million automobiles in 1993, up 21.3 percent from last year.

 Hongkong Bank Malaysia Bhd., a unit of Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp., began operations as a bank incorporated in Malaysia but If you ignore the stock market, ruled out any plans of selling its equity to local shareholders.

· South Korea will partially open its domestic bond market to direct foreign investment this year as part of a financial liberalization program. China, concerned that state assets are being sold off at bargain prices, has ordered a temporary ban on the sale of state housing, according to the

Jakarta Offers Oil Incentives

JAKARTA - Indonesia ancenter, news agencies reported. The nonneed incentives Monday for oil exploration in remote and high-risk areas of the archipelago to help

to 25 percent from 15 percent of finds in high-risk areas such as Iri-official Indonesian crude prices af-an Jaya, which borders Papua New frontier site.

"I think this package will attract more oil investors to Indonesia,' said Mr. Abda'oe.

ter five years of production at a Guinea, could delay the need to import oil at least until 2010. Mr. Abda'oe said current recov-

erable oil reserves in Indonesia, the world's largest exporter of liquefied natural gas and a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, were around 11 bil-Most of the reserves are in easily Ramos Sees Growth

reached areas in and around the main islands of Java and Sumatra.

Executives of foreign oil companies working in Indonesia welcomed the basic outline of the package, although they said they had not had details from Pertamina.

Indinus Sees Growin

President Fidel V. Ramos said Monday that the Philippines may achieve lasting political peace in 1994, and he predicted the economy would grow by 4.5 percent during the year. Remers reported from Manila.

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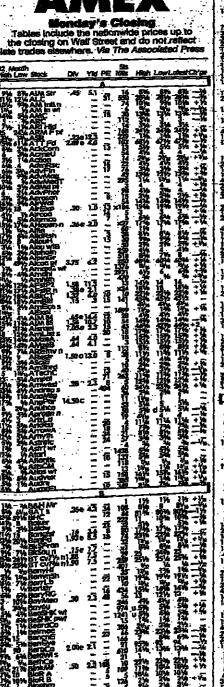
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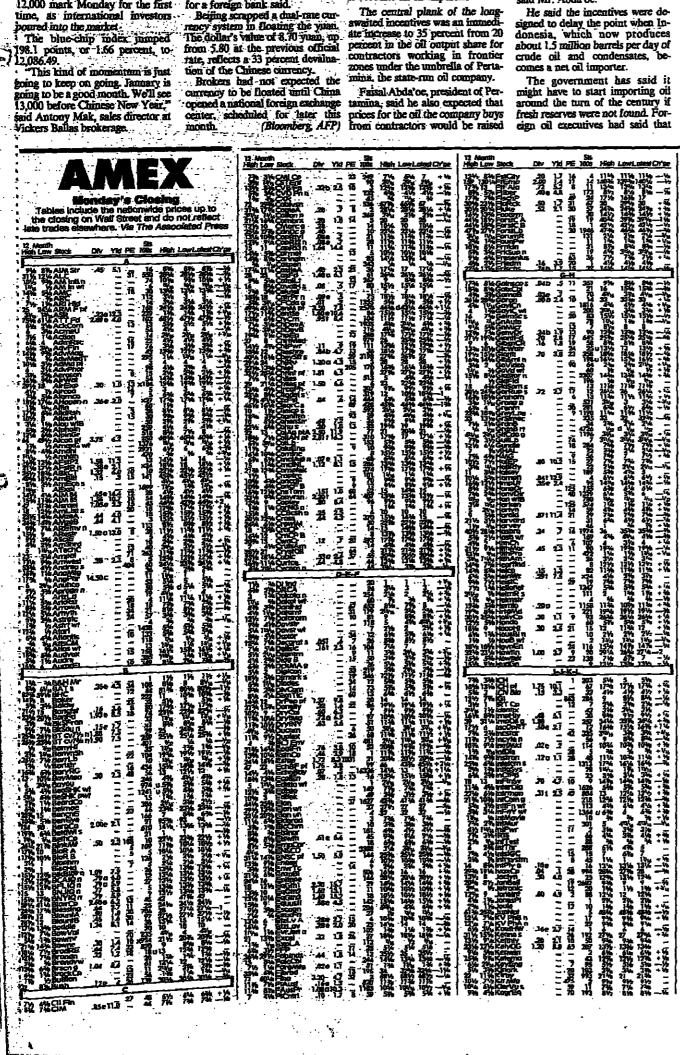
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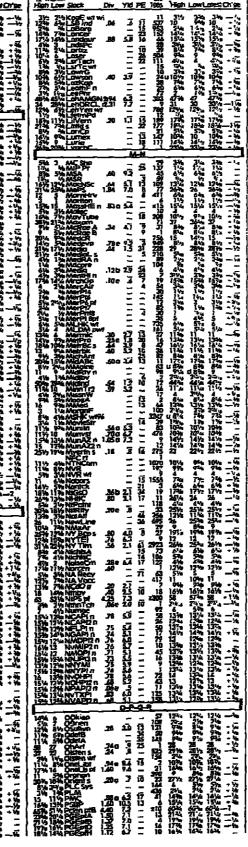
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OT Thrillers Spice Final Weekend of NFL Season

Raiders Slip Into Playoffs But Dolphins and Jets Fail

The Associated Press The new year meant a new brand of NFL tootball: exciting, meaningful and filled with proraise for

Throughout the 1993 season, teams were criticized for dull, con-servative games, with a heavy emphasis on zone defenses and field goals. On the final weekend of the schedule and the first Sunday of

for more drama. The Dallas Cowboys (12-4) had to go into overtime for a victory over the Giants that gave the defending Super Bowl champions home field for the NFC playoffs. The Giants (11-5) must play a wild-

NFL ROUNDUP

card game at home against Minne-

New England also went into ex-tra time before handing Miami a fifth consecutive defeat on Drew Bledsoe's fourth TD pass of the game. When the Los Angeles Raiders edged Denver in, yes, overtime, later in the day, the Dolphins were gone from the playoffs scene. And the Raiders, who rallied from a 17point hole and tied the Broncos on the final play of regulation, were in.

Angeles Coliseum next Sunday for an AFC wild-card game. Detroit beat Green Bay to win the NFC Central - and the right to be host to the Packers again Satur-

Denver will be back at the Los

day in the playoffs. Buffalo secured home field throughout the AFC playoffs with a victory at Indianapolis. The Bills (12-4) and Houston, which won its last Il after a 1-4 start, and knocked the New York Jets out of the playoffs Sunday night, have a bye next weekend.

So do Dallas and San Francisco, the NFC West titlist, which was at home against Philadelphia on

Pittsburgh earned the final AFC slot when it beat Cleveland and the Jets lost. Pittsburgh will be at AFC West winner Kansas City on Satur-

Raiders 33, Broncos 30: In Los Angeles, Jeff Jaeger's 47-yard field goal in overtime won it for the Raiders (10-6).

They had tied it on a 4-yard pass from Jeff Hostetler to Alexander Wright as time ran out in the fourth quarter, and Jaeger's conversion. Denver's Jason Elam missed a 40yard field goal in overtime. Then LA went 49 yards on seven plays to Jaeger's fourth field goal of the

Tim Brown had 11 receptions for 173 yards and two TDs. Oilers 24. Jets 0: In Houston.

Cody Carlson, subbing for the injured Warren Moon, threw for two touchdowns and Gary Brown ran for one for Houston. Brown gained 85 yards to bring his season total to 1,002 yards, despite starting just

eight games.
The Jets (8-8) would have made the playoffs with a win. But they gained just 169 yards.

Rams 20, Bears 6: In Anaheim,

Bettis gaining 146 yards, giving him 1.429, second in the league to Emmitt Smith. Bettis carried a clubrecord 39 times for the Rams (5-11) against the Bears (7-9) and fell 57 yards short of Smith.

Bettis then talked about improving. "I'm going to try to get a little quicker laterally, and try to be able to stay on my feet better. I'll do some drills and work on that," said Bettis, who had the sixth highest rushing total for an NFL rookie. 1994, the NFL couldn't have asked

Saints 20, Bengals 13: In New Orleans, the Saints finished 8-8 after a 5-0 start, making them one of just three teams since the NFL-AFL merger in 1970 not to make the playoffs after starting 5-0 or

This has been a year of what-ifs and disappointments," cornerback Toi Cook said. Cincinnati (3-13) gets the first pick in the 1994 draft.

Chargers 32, Buccaneers 17: In Tampa, Florida, John Carney kicked four field goals for San Diego (8-8), which won the AFC West in 1992 but was inconsistent this season. Duane Young and Natrone Means scored touchdowns set up by interceptions and Anthony Miller had seven catches for 119

yards and a score. least 10 games for 11 straight sea-

■In earlier games, reported in some

Cowboys 16, Giants 13: In East Rutherford, New Jersey, the Cowboys blew a 13-0 lead, but got a break when the Giants seemed to play for a tie at the end of regula-tion. David Treadwell'. 31-yard field goal tied it with 10 seconds left, but Eddie Murray's 41-yarder

Patriots 33, Dolphins 27: In Fox-boro, Massachusetts, the Dolphins rallied in the second half and forced overtime when Pete Stoyanovich kicked a 24-yard field goal with six seconds left.

But Bledsoe connected on a 36-arder to Michael Timpson to win The quarterback was 27-for-43

Lions 30, Packers 20: In Pontiac, Michigan, where the teams play again next week, the Lions won with Erik Kramer and without Bar-Sanders to win the NFC Central. Kramer threw an 8-yard, fourthquarter touchdown pass to Rodney Holman, and the injured Sanders' replacement, Eric Lynch, had 115 yards and two TDs. The Lions (10-6) were in first place for an entire

season for the first time since 1954. Steelers 16, Browns 9: In Pittsburgh, the Steelers (9-7) won on three field goals by Gary Anderson and Eric Green's 14-yard TD reception. Then they had to wait for the Dolphins and Jets to lose to qualify for the playoffs.

Cardinals 27, Falcons 10: In Atlanta, Steve Beuerlein completed 27 of 33 passes for 278 yards and three touchdowns. Rookie Ron Moore, who didn't start the Cardi-



Emmitt Smith of Dallas absorbing a tackle by New York safety Myron Guyton (29) in the second quarter of the Cowboys' 16-13 victory.

ards and a score. Tampa Bay (5-11) has lost at Rushing Title Is 3d in a Row for Dallas Star

One Bleeping Match Is Too Much

TEL must solve it," he said. "There is no way this can happen again without catastrophic consequences for them. The integrity of this

tournament cannot be damaged."

Masur, who beat Pioline, 7-5, 6-4, was far

"I thought it really disrupted the match, almost to the point of being absurd," he said. Pioline, who beat Masur in last year's U.S.

Open semifinal, was able to see the funny side, joking that the machine had gone off

Most top players agree the accuracy of the

The use of the system reduces on-court.

officials from 11 to three. The only officials

on court at the Hopman Cup are the umpire.

But reservations persist about the cost of

installing the system worldwide, the range of

the magnetic field on the baseline and the

ate a hand-held computer key-pad.

The controversy deflected attention from a

remarkable performance by Masur's team-

mate, Nicole Provis, against world No. 18

Nathalie Tauziat, which set Australia on the

Provis trailed by a set and 5-2 before claw-

ing her way back to win the longest match of

road to a 3-0 win.

machine is impressive when it works.

because he was "an iron man."

Lines, or TEL, system insist Pioline's racket added responsibilities for umpires who oper-

Emmitt Smith won his third consecutive rushing title and Sterling Sharpe surpassed the record he set the previous season for receptions on the final weekend of the NFL

With only Monday night's game between Philadelphia and San Francisco remaining, most of the

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

PERTH, Australia — Australian officials

threatened Monday to pull the plug on ten-nis's computerized line-call experiment at the

Hopman Cup after the system malfunctioned

because of magnesium in a player's racket.

v Masur and France's Cedric Pioline was

disrupted on several occasions by rogue bleeps from the courtside machine, later

blamed on Pioline's old-fashioned racket,

The system uses sensors installed beneath

the court surface that react to iron filings in

the ball - the flight of which is tracked by a

Hopman Cup organizers had been assured

no outside metallic object could activate the

lenger warned: "If there are any future prob-

The developers of the Tennis Electronic

is so unusual there is no danger of future

But they have already suffered serbacks

during tests at the U.S. and Australian

Opens, blamed on players' shoes and extreme

weather conditions respectively, and Hop-

man Cup director Paul McNamee hinted his

patience was wearing thin.

lems, we would have to close it down."

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The quarterfinal between Australia's Wal-

individual honors were settled in the NFL on Sunday.

Smith rushed for 1,486 yards to beat out rookie Jerome Bettis of the Rams. The Cowboys' star had 168 yards on Sunday to join Steve Van Buren, Earl Campbell and Jim Brown as the only players with three straight rushing crowns. Brown won the title eight of nine

Green Bay's Sharpe had six re-peptions Sunday, giving him 112 Eagles game. ceptions Sunday, giving him 112 for the year, four more than he had

San Francisco' Jerry Rice led the league with 1.450 receiving yards beading into Monday's some crown at 132. heading into Monday's game.

John Elway of Denver had 4,030 yards passing, with the 49ers' Steve

Jeff Jacger of the Raiders scored 15 points against Denver on four field goals Sunday and three extra

Nate Odomes of Buffalo and Engene Robinson of Seattle tied for the interceptions lead with nine.

the tournament, 4-6, 7-6, 6-2, in 2 hours 14

Australia now meets the winners of Tues-

The line-call system behaved itself during

the evening session as unseeded Austria beat

Spain to secure a semifinal against either Germany or the United States. Judith Wiesner defeated world No. 4 Con-

chita Martinez in straight sets and Alex An-

tonitsch then recovered from a set down to

Ivan Lendi said Monday he has shelved

any plans of retirement from top-level tennis

until the end of this year, Reuters reported.

The 33-year-old Lendl, playing on the U.S.

team for the first time at the Hopman Cup, said he felt happier about his game after a

seven-week winter break from the circuit.

"I'm definitely giving myself the whole year," said Lendl, who had a dismal 1993 with first-round defeats at the Australian,

He is now ranked 19th in the world and has

not won a Grand Slam title since beating

Stefan Edberg in the Australian Open final at

beat Emilio Sanchez, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

■ Lendl Won't Retire Yet

day's quarterfinal between Switzerland and

the top-seeded Czech Republic.

For Emmitt Smith, Above and Beyond With a Badly Hurt Shoulder, He Paced Cowboys' Victory

By Michael Wilbon

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey — He carried the ball with one arm, his left. Between plays, he held the right arm stiff and against his body because the right shoulder had been separated just before halftime. Something called the AC joint. Whatever it's called, it hurt. Right-handed, he had no choice but to carry the ball with his left. On

every tackle, even with 270-pound (122-kilogram) mashers on him, he tried to maneuver his body to fall on the left side, not the right. He could not block anybody, so he went into pass routes and tried to pull the ball

into his chest with the one good arm.

On the final drive of the game, a 12-play march in overtime of a pivotal. and brutal game against a stubborn and resourceful arch-rival, he touched the ball nine times.

scowl of a man in unexdurable pain. And after every play, his teammates would ask: "Can you make it?" And Emmitt Smith of the Dallas Cowboys would he and say: "Tm O.K., just help me up."

Help him up? The Cowboys should carry him around and feed him grapes like addring servants after what he did Sunday at Giants Stadium,

in one of the darnedest professional football games you'll ever see.

We won't even dwell on the fact that he rushed for 168 yards and won
the NFL rushing title for the third consecutive year. What really counted is that he carried 32 times, caught 10 passes, and was so close to being single-handedly responsible for the Cowboys' 16-13 victory over the

Giants it's scary. Do we really need to wait for votes to be tabulated before we know Emmitt Smith is the most valuable player in the NFL?

Joe Brodsky, who coaches the Cowboys' running backs, got Smith on € the headset early in the third quarter and tried to talk him out of the lineup. Players would ask Smith if he wanted out. Smith would reply he wanted a week off, which could be accomplished only by beating the Giants to win the NFC East and getting the home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

"Twe never seen anything like it and I'm glad I was on the field with him cause I probably never will again," said Michael Irvin, the all-pto wide receiver. "A football player's mentality is to get up no matter how

"But at some point, when it's beyond had, somebody convinces you to

go to the sideline, tells you, "Hey, there's too much football left and we'll need you down the road.' I wanted to tell Emmitt that today, I really did. But I couldn't. I told him once, "Emmitt, we need you." And he said, Then help me up and get in the huddle."

The Cowboys, unarguably, are not a championship team without Emmitt Smith. Borderline playoff team, maybe not even that. Smith was locked in a salary dispute and missed the first two games this season, and the Cowboys went 0-2. He played one play against Atlanta because of an injured leg, and the Cowboys lost that one. In a 12-4 season,

because of an injured leg, and the Cowboys lost that one. In a 12-4 season, the Cowboys lost only once when Smith played the whole game. If Smith has to come out of the game, the Giants win, it's that simple. With Smith at full strength, the Cowboys took a 13-0 lead because they called his number every play. The game plan called for him to carry on 90 percent of the running plays anyway. Plus, the Giants decided to play a two-deep zone, effectively removing Irvin and Alvin Harper from the game and daring the Cowboys to beat them with one man, Smith. On the drive in which the Cowboys took a 10-0 lead, Smith handled the ball 8 of 10 plays, including the 5-yard touchdown reception. It was his 46-yard run — the tackle at the end of the play resulted in the shoulder separation — that led to the field goal for a 13-0 lead.

You think it was a coincidence that the Giants started their fabulous comeback while Smith was in and out of the lineup? It wasn't. Instead of

comeback while Smith was in and out of the lineup? It wasn't Instead of third-down conversions, Troy Alkman found a pass being batted down, a receiver being stopped short of the first-down marker. Smith would have

On plays where Smith would have picked up a blitzing linebacker, Aikman was now being dumped. They padded up the shoulder, wrapped it in an Ace bandage, put the shoulder pads back on and held their

O.K., football players play with pain all the time. Ronnie Lott once ordered a trainer to cut the tip of his pinkle off rather than come out of the game. People have played with broken legs and arms. Most of the time, we're talking about defensive players or linemen, not running backs. Emmitt Smith, remember, has to take a handoff and run with the football or catch it, then absorb hits instead of doling them out.

The bottom line was clear to everybody on the visiting sideline. When Smith carries 20 times or more the Cowboys are 38-1. When he rushes for 100 yards or more, the Cowboys are 28-1. "So I had to tolerate it and deal with it," Smith decided. "Every time I carried the ball, and every time I came off the field I was really hurting. I'd say, 'Yeah, I'm all right,' lying.'
On his last big play, a 10-yard gain to the 24 which would set up the 41yard, game-winning field goal, Smith stiff-armed a Giants tackler. With
his bad wing the right one. Instinct. It was already swollen, the range of motion was limited.

Somebody asked Smith whether he heard it separate. "I don't know," he said. "I'd been hearing bones crack all day."

California, an impressive rookie nals' first five games, gained 96 season came to an end with Jerome yards for 1,018 for the season.

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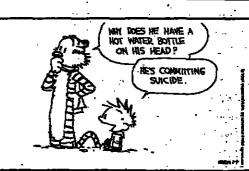




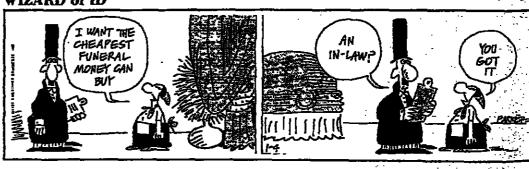
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An American at the Wicket, With Time Out for Tea and Sympathy

By Paul Taylor

Washington Peat Service
JOHANNESBURG — When I strutted to the wicket just after tea, our side was on 93 for the loss of three, chasing an unpretentions 141. We'd been having

Did any - any! - of our American readers understand a word of that? I jolly well think not. Americans think cricket's a swishy game played by soft Englishmen in long white pants and inn-ny floppy hats. We Yanks don't realize it's a metaphor for life.

Go ahead, smark, I, too, used to think cricket was good for nothing except ex-plaining how Britain lost its empire. (Too many breaks for tea.)

-Well, sports fans. I played the game for the first time the other day, and I

spondents against the British Ambassa-dor's XI at a leafy subjuban Johannes-

an unpretentious 141. We'd been having lang sports club. Lots of the chaps on a useful imnings. Seven wickets were in the ambassador's side were named Nihand and 12 overs were still to be get, and the captain was taked So. Hone bowled, so there was no need to acceler. Wine and stout whiskey three from the ate the run rate.

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mentioned a few weeks before to a Brit-ish back that I found myself warming to the game of cricket, which is on televi-sion all the time here. He was assonished. He'd never met a Yank who'd made such a brazen confession.

Most Americans don't "get" cricket because we can't help comparing it to baseball. This is a mistake. Yes, both games invite lynical imminations about

have some had news. It's hard. Very the meaning of life. Both involve using a other important revolution of the second hard. Humbling, even wooden stick to strike a round ball, half of the 20th century has occurred.

I played for a team of loreign course thrown at you with malice, into the gaps. Television. thrown at you with malice, into the gaps of a field arrayed with opposition play-

ers. Beyond that, it's chalk and cheese. ers. neyond that, it's chair and cheese.

Americans play baseball to win (it's just the way we are). Proper cricket is usually played to a draw. We wrap up a game in a few bours; proper cricket takes five days. Our players argue with the umpire; theirs call themselves out to

spare the umpire the grief. Our pitcher is their bowler. Our ball is their no ball. What to us are foul tips can for them be home runs (or their rough equivalent, which are boundaries). Our batters stay at the plate for a minute or two; theirs can stay at the plate — which they call the crease - for five hours, 10 hours, a

couple of days. And so on.

But! After lo these many ages, proper cricket has begun to lose its grip. The five-day game is giving way to the oneday game, for the same reason every

One-day cricket is a bit like baseball. At the end of the day, there's a winner and a loser. There's occasionally even drama, as when a game comes down to the last ball bowled. I saw it happen

once, right here on television. We played a one-day fixture, and my side fielded first. I handled all the chances. I got cleanly, and even hit the stumps from square leg. Trust me, this is a notable achievement. Of course, I had an unfair advantage. I'm American. I can throw a ball. Most cricket players comething awill

I also did a short spell of bowling, and took a wicket. (This, too, is a pretty big deal.) But this one was tainted. Try as I

might, I never could manage to keep my deeper imprint. It connects each to the elbow from breaking. My British oppo-nents could see this, but with a few But I digress. There is still the matter tolerant mumbles about creserving "the special relationship." they turned the

other cheek. You've got to hand it to the Brits. They invent this quirky game in which both the bowling and batting are unnatural physical acts - and yet it has an obsessive following in Asia, Africa, Australia and parts of the Americas.

The secret? I think it's the tea. Tea is

marker of time and place, an enforcer of order and custom. What have cricker players done every afternoon at 4 since never learn. The rules of their game restrict the act of bowling (pitching) to an awkward windmill delivery, and it screws up the rest of their throwing a club here, and we also stop at 4 each afternoon for tea. My wife takes a jewelry-making class. Same thing. This drives the ball proceeded to knock over my us nuts. Obviously, though, it works in undefended stumps. What ignominy! places where mother England left a Baseball knows no lows quite so low.

But I digress. There is still the matter of the batting.

I need to start by pointing out that I consider myself a pretty good baseball hitter, and this bit of hubris may explain why, as a batsman. I proceeded to ignore all my own good advice about not confusing cricket with baseball. The cricket bat is so big. The ball comes in so slowly (even if it does bounce). I thought: I'm not going to play silly defensive cricket shots. I'm going to rip the ball. Knock it for a four, then knock it for a six, then

The first delivery, I was clean bowled. Out for a royal duck! This means that I missed the ball completely with my roundhouse baseball swing, and, worse,

pain, invoked a no-first-ball-out rule. I wasn't sure whether to be relieved or embarrassed, but at least I had a second chance.

I took a silly little defensive cricket swing at the next ball and stroked a weak single. That's all I needed. Obviously, the first ball had been a fluke!

On the next delivery, I took a mighty baseball swing once again - and was clean bowled again!

As I write this now, several days later, I remain inconsolable. Some guys bat for two days. I. a good hitter, was out in 90

But as I mentioned, at least cricket serves up some life lessons. Here are three. Pride cometh before a duck, Floppy hats keep the sun off the back of your Riesling makes a lovely lunch wine,

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The Associated Press When Donald Williams was injured, Dante Calabria got his chance. Marshall's Thundering Herd couldn't tell the difference. Calabria, a sophomore guard, hit 8 of 10 from the field in scoring No. 2 North Carolina over Mar-

shall, 116-62, on Sunday.
Williams, a junior who has been averaging 20 points a game, is nursing a sore left foot.

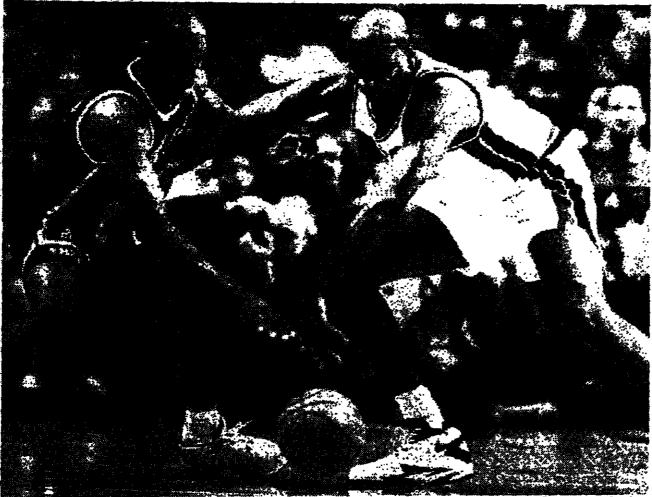
"I'm worried," said North Carolina coach Dean Smith. "The doc-

tors said it could be the fifth metatersal, which would be the worst cenario, or it could be tendinitis. which would be the best." North Carolina starts its Atlantic

Coast Conference season Wednesday against North Carolina State.
Calabria was one of six players in double figures for the Tar Heels-No. 4 Temple 67, St. Joseph's 54:

In Philadelphia, Aaron McKie
Scored 24 points and grabbed nine
rebounds as the Owls (6-1, 1-0)
posted an Atlantic 10 victory. No. 16 Parties 35, San Francisco 81: In Daly City, California, Gienn Robinson scored 32 points, sur-

and grabbed 14 rebounds to rally. Purdue. The Boilermakers 11-0



Terry Mills of the Detroit Pistons, right, battles for the ball with Ver

Sixers Stop Nuggets' Streaks

Every once in a while there is an NBA game that defies logic. One such instance came Sunday night at Denver, where the Nuggets had their rine-game home winning streak and five-game overall win-

ning streak ended by the lowly Philadelphia 76ers, 96-80. The Sixers led by at least 10 points throughout the second half

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and answered Denver's only charge with a 10-9 run that put them ahead

by 20 in the fourth quarter. "It was probably our worst performance of the year," Denver coach Dan Issel said. "There really is not one positive thing you can

fifth-worst record in the Eastern Conference, Denver, despite its 14-14 record, was the hortest team in league entering play Sunday. None of that mattered to the 76ers, who completed a season

sweep of the Nuggets. Philadelphia beat Denver 101-93 on Dec. 15. Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, who leads the Nuggets with a 20.7 average, was held to six points on 3-of-15 shooting.

Guarding him was Dana Barros, the Sixers point guard, who had 14 points and five assists on offense. Clarence Weatherspoon had 21 points and 10 rebounds, and Shawn Bradley added 13 points.

Isiah Thomas to Knicks or Not?

AUBURN HILLS, Michigan - Disputing newspaper reports, Detroit Pistons officials said Monday that Islah Thomas, the backbone of the team for 12 years, was not heading to the New York Knicks. The Detroit Free Press reported that the 32-year-old guard would be part of a deal that would bring small forward Tony Campbell to Detroit. The Free Press, citing an unidentified source, said the Pistons also would get the Knicks' first-round draft pick in 1994. The Detroit News reported that the deal would take place if the

Knicks are unable to acquire Derek Harper from Dallas. But the Pistons president, Tom Wilson, said neither he nor Billy McKinney, the team's director of player personnel, had talked with the Knicks. "And as far as I'm concerned," Wilson added, "Isiah Thomas is welcome here until he retires."

Thomas is in the last year of a contract that is paying him \$2.4 million this season. He cannot be traded without his permission.

At 11-17, Philadelphia has the Bradley said, "But we seem to play the worst record in the Eastern well against them."

Hornets 124, Knicks 123: In New York, Charlotte won in overtime, thanks to a big boost from Eddie Johnson and LeRon Ellis, filling in for injured starters Larry Johnson and Alonzo Mourning.

Johnson scored 32 points, including 18 in the fourth quarter, and Ellis had a career-best 15, including a three-point play in overtime that put Charlotte ahead for good.

Jazz 92, Trail Blazers 90: in

the second half, it didn't happen like that." Karl Malone scored 18 of his 25

points in the second half. John Stockton had 11 assists in the third quarter and 16 for the game. Spurs 94, Lakers 92: In San An-

tonio, Terry Cummings committed a stupid foul with 0.6 seconds left, but luckily for the Spurs it didn't cost them the game.

David Robinson was fouled with

one second left, but he missed both free throws. James Edwards of Los Portland, Utah came back from a Angeles got the rebound and was 19-point deficit for its fourth fouled by Cummings, but he straight victory.

Angeles got the rebound and was fouled by Cummings, but he missed the first shot. Edwards then straight victory.

"We got some easy baskets by playing defense in the first half," and Eldon Campbell's tip rimmed out at the buzzer,

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Morceli Is L'Equipe's Top Athlete

PARIS (Combined Dispatches) — The Algerian distance runner Noureddine Morceli was named 1993's athlete of the year on Monday by the
French sports daily l'Equipe.

Morceli, 23, who won the world 1,500-meter title in Strutgart in August
and was undefeated throughout the year, beat Linford Christie, the world
champion in the 100 meters, and Michael Jordan in the annual ranking. The Algerian also broke the world record for the mile in September with a performance of 3 minutes, 44.39 seconds. (Reuters, AP)

Christic Is Sportswriters' Choice

BRUSSELS (AP) — Linford Christie, the British sprinter, and the German swimming prodigy Franziska van Almsick were voted Monday the top 1993 European athletes by the UEPS union of European sportswriters. Christic beat Spanish cyclist Miguel Indurain in the men's division. Van Almsick topped British hardler Sally Gunnell in the women's. The UEPS groups 40 national sportswriters federations in Europe. After becoming the oldest Olympic 100-meter Champion in 1992.

After becoming the oldest Olympic 100-meter Champion in 1992, Christie, 33, added the world title last summer in 9.87 seconds, only .01

seconds shy of the world record.

Van Almsick, 15, won six gold medals and a silver at the European swimming championships in Sheffield, England last summer.

LAAF Prepares to Sweeten the Pot

TURIN (AP) — Primo Nebiolo, president of track's world governing body, said in an interview Monday that entry bonnses and richer prizes would be given at the 1995 World Championships to meet growing demands by athletes.

Prize money at world championships has been a controversial issue for Nebiolo's International Amateur Athletics Federation in the last two years with top athletes threatening not to compete if they were not rewarded.

Titlists at the 1993 championships in Suntgart received a luxury car as a prize and Nebiolo was quoted Monday in the Turin daily La Stampa as saying the IAAF plans to give out smaller cars for 2d and 3d placed athletes in the 1995 Championships scheduled in Goteborg, Sweden.

He would have say he children to the part World Championships will He said that each arhiete entered in the next World Championships will

given a bonus of \$1,000. Ferrari Hires Japanese R&D Head

MARANELLO, Italy (Reuters) — Ferrari has hired Japanese engineer Osamu Goto to head their research and development department, the Italian Formula One team said Monday. The 45-year-old Goto previously held the corresponding post with the fcl aren team and had also worked as Honda's Formula One engineer.

He had recently returned to Japan to work with a Tokyo research unit. Ferrari has had no Formula One victory since the 1990 season. Injury Clouds Pat Cash's Comeback

ADELAIDE, Australia (Retners) — Former Wimbledon champion Par Cash's return to top-flight terms faltered Monday when he suffered a back injury in the first round of the Australian men's hardcourt championship. Cash, playing in his first ATP tournament for 15 months, strained his back during his 4-6, 6-1, 6-3 defeat by Russian teenager Yevgeny

The 28-year-old Australian, who won Wimbledon in 1987, is trying to come back after recovering from a serious knee injury. Cash said he sustained Monday's injury in attempting a smash at 4-4 in the opening set. Although he won the set, Cash appeared to be uncomfortable during the remainder of the match, which lasted just under two hours.

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Down With Voice Mail

WASHINGTON — I have big could cause terrible accidents to plans for 1994. The first thing drivers.

I am point to do in declarate Plants in the past because of my liberal I am going to do is destroy all voice mail in the country. I will work to get a law passed stating that anyone who has a voice-mail machine will either be fined or sent to prison without parole for 10 years.

I am not talking about personal voice-mail boxes, but those at department stores, airlines. businesses, institutions of higher and lower learning and service companies that

people call for I now have a Buchwald 9-year-old boy in Boston named Christopher Ly-don working on a device that will cause a voice-mail box to self-de-

with a human voice. I am also starting a campaign to stop people from using the phrase "information highway" as a means of describing a new method of communicating with another elec-

struct once it comes into contact

I am recommending a five-day waiting period for the authorities to conduct a background check on the person who wants to use it. If you have a history of violence or have a police record, you will not be permitted to use the phrase. The reason for this is that, in the wrong hands, "information highway"

Barnes Collection Drew 1.5 Million to Paris Show

Agence France Presse PARIS — The Barnes Collec-tion, on display for 100 days at the Musée d'Orsay here, drew a record 1.5 million visitors, museum officiais announced Monday. Between Sept. 8 and Jan. 2, when the exhibit closed, visitors streamed to the museum to view the 72 works, shown for the first time outside Merion.

Pennsylvania. Washington and Tokyo will be the next stops for the artworks, collected by Albert Barnes, who died in 1951 at age 79. Barnes created his foundation in 1922 but strictly limited access to the collection.

In the past, because of my liberal leanings, I have been against capital punishment. Recently I've changed my mind. I have no problem recommending the death pen-alty for workmen who don't show up when they are supposed to and any person making a junk call after 7 o'clock in the evening. Operators making junk calls before 7 should be sentenced to hard labor for sev-

I am also advocating the death penalty for those who garble their telephone numbers on your an-swering machine so fast that you can't understand them.

Crime is something that is not going to disappear in 1994. I'm in favor of a law rationing programs such as "Hard Copy." "A Current Affair" and others that claim to replicate "actual crimes." Every violent series will be allowed to show no more than 10 top gun murders a year. You would also be required to have a special permit to portray rape and other forms of violence.

Continuing with the crime issue, I am calling for the prohibition of hardened criminals appearing on TV talk shows. This includes crooked cops who wear paper bags over their heads when confessing

I also plan to ask church leaders to distribute pamphlets to police officers in their cars and at station houses explaining that selling drugs, stealing dirly money and beating up innocent citizens is not what they have been hired to do.

Nineteen ninety-four will be a great year. Wonderful things are going to happen. Donald and Marla Trump will raise a baby who will be asked by Donald to sign a prepubescent contract when she

In spite of all the reform plans I have outlined, I will not call for the downfall of American companies that make faulty products, politicians who lie about their bank accounts and diaries, Wall Street firms involved in shady insider deals and lawyers who have their fingers crossed while maintaining

the innocence of their clients. The reason is that these people provide me with material for 85 percent of my columns.

Reborn Rockers Look to Heaven, Again

By Guy Garcia

N EW YORK — Dressed in brooding black, with silver and wooden crucifixes dangling from his neck and a dense tangle of curls cascading around his shoulders. Michael McDermott could at first glance be mistaken for one of the legions of young rockers who have made a mantra out of sex, drugs and the meaninglessness of life.

But near the end of his opening set at the Bottom Line in New York recently, the 25-year-old songwriter from Orland Park, Illinois, revealed a lofuer aim as he performed a song called "Leave It Up to the Angels." from his new album "Gethsemane."

Backed by ringing guitars and a pounding beat, McDermott closed his eyes and clutched the microphone as he confessed, "I'm frightened by the way I feel, maybe you are too / I'm losing faith in everything and everyone but you."
By the time the song ended with the exhortation to "leave it up to the angels . . . surrender, surrender." it had become an urgent incantation of the redeeming power of faith. McDermott is hardly alone in his quest for deliverance. Recent albums and videos by acts as diverse as U2. Peter Gabriel, Matthew Sweet, Rickie Lee Jones, Concrete

Blonde and Snoop Doggy Dogg express a spiritual yearn-ing that harks back, consciously or not, to rock's gospel roots and a generational groping for more eternal values. Not since the peace and love era of the '60s, when spiritual transcendence was celebrated by the likes of Bob Dylan, the Beatles and Joni Mitchell, have religious

themes been so conspicuously prevalent in pop. For McDermott, the promise of redemption emanates directly from his past. A former altar boy who contemplated joining the priesthood before finding his true calling, McDermott admits he is "much too weak a person to ever be a priest." But while he no longer considers himself a religious person, an enduring belief in "a certain mysti-cism that exists in our reality" and the indelible lessons of his Irish Catholic upbringing have continued to fuel his muse. "Christ is a very powerful image to grow up with." he says. "Here's this guy nailed to a cross hanging on your wall. How can you not be affected by that?

On "Gethsemane," those memories result in several songs that use biblical references to depict a forsaken land of lost souls and wanton destruction. "I think these are the times of the golden calf," says McDermott. "We're living in the time of Babel. What is enlightenment in 1993? Kurt Loder on MTV? Is that what people are looking for? I think people should start looking inside themselves as opposed to these false prophets."

The spiritual slant in today's music is anything but a Sunday school endorsement of organized religion. Instead of urging people to go back to church, or to pray, the message is resolutely iconoclastic. The songs seem to say that in a godless society the only recourse is to make a personal appeal to the divine. "Faith lies in the ways of sin." begins the song "Hummer" from the Smashing Pumpkins album "Siamese Dream." Pearl Jam's latest album, "Vs.," invokes God and Jesus to illustrate the moral hypocrisy of racist police officers ("WMA") and to ridicule those who downplay the danger of guns ("Glorified G").

Established rockers are also taking up the religious banner. On the song "When Jesus Left Birminsham" from his new album, "Human Wheels." John Mellencamp paints a scathing picture of a country that has lost its moral bearings and is veering toward destruction.



Michael McDermott: Fueled by mysticism and his hish Catholic upbringing.

The specier of impending apocalypse is echoed on Feeding Frenzy," from the new album by the Australian band Midnight Oil. "Earth and Sun and Moon." Conjur-ing a postmodern wasteland of "Computers and shovels and churches and brothels / mannequins and skeletons, cities and dustbowls." the singer Peter Garrett ominously warns. "Truth and fiction must collide some day / God knows, God knows, God knows it's been fun."

Darker still is the grim vision offered up by the hardrock band Concrete Blonde. On the cover of its new album. "Mexican Moon," grinning skeletons cavort in the style of the Day of the Dead, a Mexican religious festival that both honors and mocks death.

The liner notes referring to "Jonestown," a song about the suicidal cult leader Jim Jones, include a quotation from Manhew 7:15: "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves." And on the song "Jesus Forgive Me (For the Things I'm About to Say)," a guilt-ridden narrator cries, "I cut you up and watched you bleed. . . . I murdered you a hundred times / I shot you dead and never cried."

Such sentiments are a far cry from the biblical admoni-

tion to "speak to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord." But the writer of Ephesians 5:18 could not have anticipated the advent of electric guitars and the rise of a youth culture that defines itself by rebelling against everything and anything that its elders hold sacred.

Why is faith suddenly so fashionable again? Part of the why is taith suddenly so lastingnable again? Part of the answer seems to lie in the increasingly ephemeral nature of modern life. "We're coming out of a popular culture dark ages," notes Professor James Harris, chairman of the philosophy department at the College of William and Mary and author of "Philosophy at 33 1/3: Themes of Classic Rock Music." "Beginning with the '60s there was this rejection of the received dominant culture and the modes which the dominant of the department of the department of the dominant of the philosophy dominant of the philosophy at 33 1/3: Themes of Classic Rock Music." "Beginning with the '60s there was this rejection of the received dominant culture and the philosophy at 33 1/3: Themes of Classic Rock Music." modes which the dominant culture had provided for finding meaning for one's life. To some extent, I think some of the same things are going on now that went on in the '60s because people are still searching for those

Guy Garcia, who reviews pop culture for Time, wrote this

PEOPLE

For Gates, a Marriage Made in Microsoft

Bill Gates, the chairman of Mi-crosoft Corp. who has a net worth of at least \$6 billion, has married his longtime girlfriend, Melinda French, a Microsoft marketing manager. The wedding on the Ha-wanan island of Lanai, capped an extravagant weekend of partying that included Willie Nelson and Alice Cooper. Gates met French in a manner befitting his workaholic reputation - at the office, shortly after she began working at the computer software company in 1987.

Il British tabloid reports are

to be believed, Prince Rathier of Monaco and Hjordis Nivea, the wife of the late actor David Niven, may marry this spring. But a spokeswoman for the principality of Monaco, Isabelle Peters, said she was unable to confirm the report. Rainier's wife, Princess Grace, died in a car crash in 1982: David Niven died in 1983.

Barbra Stressand, who ended a 27-year break from public perfor-mances with two sold-out shows in Las Vegas over the weekend, said she plans to take her show on the road. She told Daily Variety that she will tour a few cities and may tape a show for television.

The Formula One racing champion Alain Prost highlighted the New Year list for France's most prestigious award, the Legion of Honor. Prost, who retired this year after winning his fourth championship, was promoted from knight to offi-cer. Fifty-seven people were named for admission or promotion, including Dr. Luc Montaguier, co-discoverer of the AIDS virus, and the actress Michèle Morgan.

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"It won't change my life at all," said Marie-Therese Barre after smashing the French lottery record with winnings of 59 million francs (\$10 million). A day after pocket-ing the payout, the 82-year-old Barre "continued to do the crossword," said her son Jacques. Barre has played the lottery for six years, "and I'll be playing again this week," she said.

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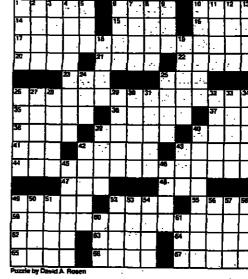
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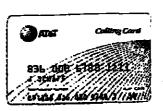


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